

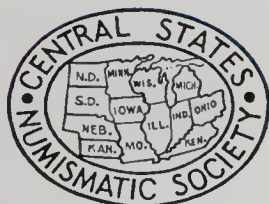
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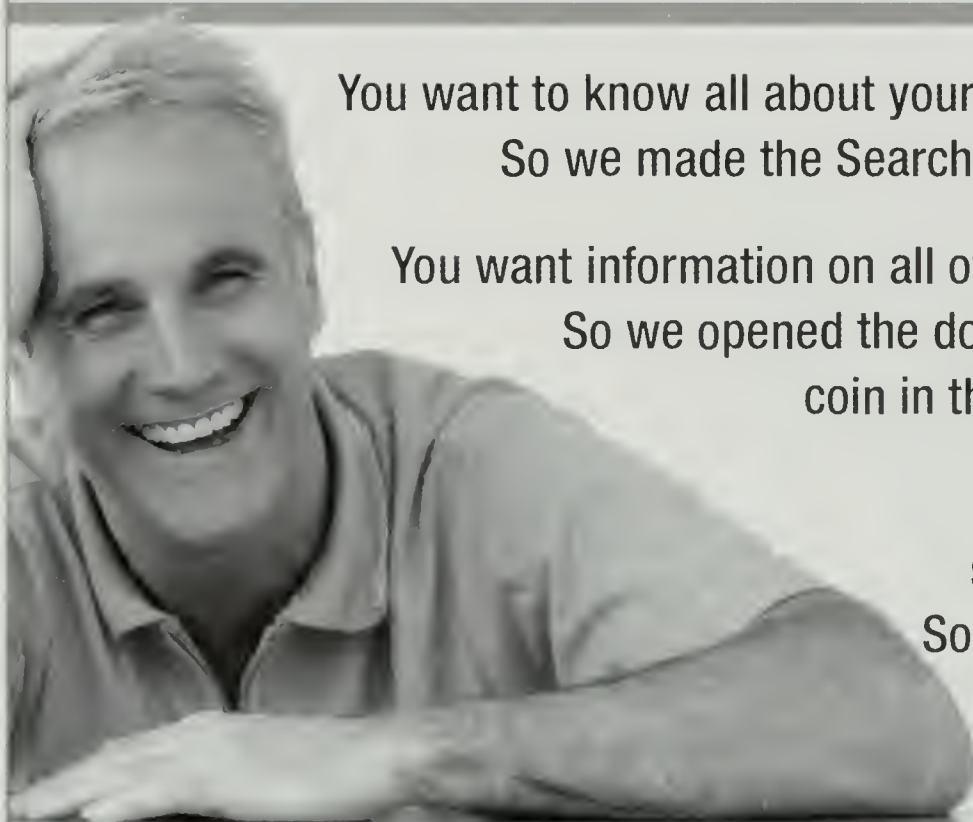
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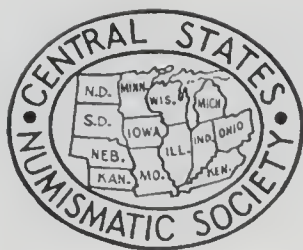
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About The Cover: As many of us in the Upper Midwest enjoy winter, be assured that the color of spring will arrive in Cincinnati on time for our annual convention! Dave Heinrich's camera shows the colorful setting of the city's popular downtown landmark, the Tyler Davidson Fountain. Roman military leader, Cincinnatus, for whom the city is named, dominates the convention medal.

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President Patricia Jagger Finner

President's Message



As 2008 comes to an end, we are thankful to all the dealers, collectors and exhibitors who have contributed to our ongoing success in the field of numismatic education. Our library supplement funding, club DVD allowance and regional seminars will be joined by a "Coins in the Classroom" session and both a Boy and Girl Scout merit badge clinic in Cincinnati.

We awarded ANA Summer Seminar scholarships to Joe LeBlanc, Mike Strub and David Heinrich. No juniors applied this year. An additional requirement was added that each winner will write an article for *The Centinel*, or make a numismatic presentation to a local coin club or at the CSNS convention within one year based on the class they choose.

Included with this edition is a return card sent to each voting CSNS member to amend the Constitution and Bylaws to separate the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. The Board

recognizes that changes in the reporting and the non-profit environment dictate that an individual with professional accounting skills is necessary. The entire Board is in favor of these changes.

Contracts have been signed for upcoming CSNS conventions following Milwaukee in 2010. We are now scheduled for Rosemont IL in 2011, and Schaumburg IL in 2012, 2014 and 2016 at the Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center. Anyone who has attended a coin show in the Schaumburg facility will agree the quality and hotel rates are most favorable. Free parking, spacious rooms with big screen TV, no-fog mirrors in the bathrooms and an excellent restaurant make this a 5 star venue!

On behalf of our entire Board, I wish you all "Happy Holidays and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year!" 🍷

President Patti

SEASON'S GREETINGS



ANNOUNCING

2011 Convention Site Decision

The Central States Numismatic Society will hold its 2011 – 72nd anniversary – convention at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois, site of its 2008 event. Bourse dates will be Wednesday-Saturday, April 27-30. The security room will open the previous Monday, Heritage lot viewing on Tuesday, and the two Heritage Signatures Sales – one devoted exclusively to rare currency and the other to coins and allied numismatic items – will be Wednesday-Friday. Host hotel for the event will be the Hyatt Regency O'Hare, located adjacent to and connected to the Stephens Center.

General chairman for the convention, Kevin Foley, said "Chicago consistently ranks as the first choice when we survey our booth holders as to where they'd like to see our event held. I'm pleased that Rosemont was willing to make dates available to us to enable us to be responsive to this important constituency within our overall membership. Rosemont has a great deal going for it as a convention site. It is just one or two miles from O'Hare Airport and is easy to reach by either auto or public transit. There are a number of wonderful restaurants within a short walk of the Stephens Center, including Gibson's and Morton's, as well as a multi-screen movie theater."

Foley continued, "Our auction company, Heritage, had auctions grossing a record setting \$44,000,000+ at our 2008 convention, and I know they'll be challenging themselves to surpass that. In fact, the growth in stature and importance of the Central States convention has been such that Heritage has set a new record for the size of its auctions at our event for the last six or seven years running."

The 2009 70th anniversary convention will be held at the Duke Energy Center in downtown Cincinnati, Ohio. Bourse dates will be Wednesday-Saturday, April 29-May 2. Full convention details are available on the CSNS website, www.centralstates.info. Jerry Lebo, bourse chairman, can be contacted at (574) 753-2489 or via e-mail at jclebo@verizon.net.



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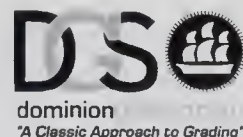
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Secretary Jerry Lebo

Secretary's Message

We're making some bylaws changes, including one that affects my position as secretary-treasurer. Henceforth I will simply be secretary as we're splitting the jobs. Jack Huggins is assuming the role of treasurer. I will remain as bourse chair for our spring conventions as well.

The division of the secretary and treasurer means the membership will need to ratify an amendment to the constitution. I strongly urge its approval. Jack is a CPA by profession and undoubtedly well qualified to serve as Central States' treasurer.

I'm most happy remaining as secretary and bourse chair.

As mentioned in the preceding issue, Central States donated \$75,000 to the American Numismatic Association to help defray expenses associated with the annual summer seminar.

We should also mention that Central States was able to provide those funds because of our agreement with Heritage Auctions which pays CSNS a hefty sum each year to be our official auctioneer. CSNS remains committed to supporting educational projects and is able to foot many a bill because of Heritage Auctions.

I might also mention Governor Ray Lockwood continues to do his fine job as our Education Director. He has a major one-day production upcoming

on Sunday following our April convention in Cincinnati. It will feature treasure hunter and author Bob Evans. Contact Ray for specifics. His address and phone number are listed in the front of this issue. (Also see pages 22, 24 for more info.)

Ray also is lining up a one-day seminar next fall in conjunction with the Omaha Coin Club's local show.

Our governing board met the weekend after Labor Day. Because of publishing deadlines, we were unable to report on the meeting until this issue.

Here is more about the ANA seminar. CSNS will continue to provide at least three scholarships each year, and now also will send a board member to represent CSNS at the event.

Our board increased to \$6,000 the amount authorized each year to help member clubs acquire books for their local libraries.

There was also discussion about raising membership dues. Although the decision was not unanimous, the board voted to leave regular adult dues unchanged at \$10 per year.

Those were some of the highlights. The board meeting minutes appear else where in this issue of *The Centinel*. ☉

Jerry Lebo

CSNS VOTING MEMBERS

With this issue of *The Centinel*, each eligible CSNS member is receiving a post card Referendum Ballot relative to a proposed change to Article II, Section 2 of the CSNS Constitution. Members are urged to read, mark and return their ballots ASAP!

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**Central States Numismatic Society
Board Meeting Minutes
Sept. 5-6, 2008 – Rosemont, IL**

President Patti Finner called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. CDT Friday with all board members present except Governor Padget and Counsel Sirna, who arrived later.

There was a moment of silence for deceased member Radford Stearns.

The updated minutes of the April meeting were approved, including three subsequent email votes: to approve the April minutes; to approve the \$75,000 donation to the ANA summer seminar; and to have the \$5,000 appropriation for the convention medal to be part of regular accounts.

Governor Jack Huggins motioned and Governor Wendell Wolka seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Approved.

There was a letter presented, which suggested Oklahoma be added as the 14th state in the Central States region. President Finner said she will write a letter suggesting clubs in Oklahoma consider joining CSNS.

The Awards Committee made the following recommendations:

1. Discontinue the President's Award.
2. The Medal of Merit should again be CSNS' highest honor.
3. The president may give awards to individuals for service.
4. Allow board members to apply for ANA seminar scholarships.

The Hall of Fame criteria will be reviewed by the Awards committee.

Governor Ray Lockwood motioned and Governor Bruce Benoit seconded to have a CSNS board member representative attend the summer seminar. Approved.

Wolka motioned and Heinrich seconded to have the Scholarship Committee recommend what scholar-

ship winners should do as a way of thanking CSNS for the grant. Motion amended that each scholarship recipient will write an article for *The Centinel* or make a presentation to a coin club or CSNS educational forum within one year of attending the seminar. Approved.

Following discussion, Heinrich motioned and Lockwood seconded to cover the additional cost of the Pittman exhibiting award if not enough interest is earned by the Pittman Fund to cover the cost of the award. Approved.

Wolka motioned and Governor Don Young seconded to invite the Bureau of Engraving & Printing to the 2009 Cincinnati anniversary convention as an extension of the CSNS educational mission. Approved.

\$5,000 will be spent as part of the show budget for George Fern Co. to design a professional entryway for our annual convention. A small charge will apply each year for new panels.

It was announced the position of secretary-treasurer will be separated into the positions of secretary and of treasurer. Jerry Lebo to remain as secretary at an annual salary of \$15,000, plus an annual salary of \$12,500 as bourse chairman.

Wolka motioned and Governor Jim Moores seconded to approve the revised 2009 Cincinnati convention budget. Approved.

There was extensive discussion about future convention locations beginning in 2011. The Convention Committee recommended that board members spend at least four hours of service, such as staffing the CSNS booth, at the conventions.

President Finner appointed Young to be in charge of the CSNS convention booth.

Charters motioned and Huggins seconded to increase by \$2,500 annual-

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ly the fee PNG pays CSNS for PNG Day during the anniversary conventions, beginning in 2010 and continuing to 2012; the fees being \$27,000 in 2010; \$29,500 in 2011 and \$32,000 in 2012. Approved.

Adjourned at 6 p.m. and reconvened at 8:15 a.m. Saturday with all board members present except Wolka.

Heinrich motioned and Governor Don Charters seconded to approve ANA summer seminars for Joe LeBlanc and Mike Strub. Approved.

Charters motioned and Lockwood seconded to allow a CSNS board member to attend the ANA summer seminar and promote CSNS. Approved. By lottery, Heinrich was chosen for 2009 with Governor Mike Dennany as the alternate.

Heinrich motioned and Dennany seconded to allow *The Centinel* editor to exchange informational ads with member clubs. Approved.

Editor Rollie Finner said there continues to be interest in the use of color in *Centinel* advertising. He also encouraged YNs to write more articles for the quarterly publication.

Past President Bill Brandimore motioned and Benoit seconded to increase *Centinel* advertising rates by five percent effective Jan. 1, 2009. Approved with Lockwood absent from the room temporarily.

Lockwood motioned and Heinrich seconded to increase the editor's salary to \$10,000 per year, retroactive to Jan. 1, 2008. Approved.

Heinrich motioned and Moores seconded to increase the budgeted amount for the library book program to \$6,000 annually. Approved.

Lockwood, as education director, reported on various items including the book program, DVDs, speakers and seminars.

Lockwood motioned and Governor

Padget seconded to donate \$1,000 to Iowa's Higgins Museum to co-sponsor a paper money seminar in the fall of 2009. Approved.

Benoit motioned and Young seconded to appropriate \$2,000 for a tri-fold brochure beginning with the 2009 spring seminar in Cincinnati. The first brochure will feature Bob Evans, chief scientist and historian of the *S.S. Central America* treasure recovery. Counsel Sirna to solicit sponsors for a seminar brochure.

It was announced CSNS will conduct a seminar in Omaha next year in conjunction with the Omaha Coin Club show.

Huggins, as exhibit committee chair, made several announcements, including that April 1 will be the deadline for individuals to exhibit at Cincinnati next year; there will be some changes in exhibit awards; there will be a guidebook for visitors to the exhibit area; a reference library is being developed for exhibit judges; there will be a change to the medal logo design; exhibits must remain in place until 3 p.m. Saturday and all exhibit awards will be presented at the convention's Saturday breakfast.

Heinrich motioned and Charters seconded that the first-place exhibit award in the category of "Coins Prior to 1700" be named in memory of George Beach. Approved.

Historian Huggins passed out a list of material currently in the society's archives as received from predecessor Marv Mericle.

Dennany motioned and Young seconded to approve \$2,500 for archive material. Approved.

Huggins, Lockwood, R. Finner and Heinrich to investigate publishing a book on the history of Central States. Charters motioned and Heinrich seconded to print up to 100 copies.

Approved.

Huggins reported the Finance Committee found the treasurer's books in order.

President Finner said all expenses by board members must be submitted for reimbursement within 30 days.

Lockwood motioned and Young seconded to transfer from interest on life member accounts to regular accounts the equivalent of \$10 per life member per year. Approved.

President Finner reported on YN activities. She said she would be glad to conduct Scout programs and welcomes suggestions about YN programs.

Adjourned for lunch at 11:30 a.m.; resumed at 12:10 p.m.

Following discussion about dues, Padget motioned and Moores seconded to keep the dues rate at \$10 per year per regular member. Approved 7-4 with Lockwood, Padget, Moores, Dennany, Young, Brandimore and Heinrich voting yes; Allen, Benoit, Charters and Huggins voting no; Wolka absent.

Moores motioned and Lockwood seconded to accept all committee reports. Approved.

Young motioned and Heinrich seconded to authorize up to \$1,000 for a special referendum mailing. Approved.

The bylaws revisions were reviewed with a final vote by the membership on specific items to be mailed.

Huggins presented the guidelines for the Finance Committee which were approved in Winchester in 2007.

Padget motioned and Moores seconded that the use of the CSNS logo in advertising must include an individual member's name and membership number. Approved.

Heinrich, Sirna and Allen are to review the CSNS website.

President Finner reported the CSNS trademark is being processed.

There was a consensus that publishing the society's financial statement

in *The Centinel* is sufficient exposure.

Lockwood said he will be checking with Rod Gillis at ANA to get started on the "Coins in the Classroom" program for the 2009 Cincinnati convention.

Brandimore motioned and President Finner seconded to not provide free space for the elongated dealer's booth. Motion failed 4-7 with Finner, Huggins, Brandimore and Young voting yes; Lockwood, Allen, Padget, Moores, Denny, Heinrich and Benoit voting no; Charters abstained; Wolka absent.

Brandimore and Young motioned to have legal counsel investigate various liability issues. Approved.

Convention General Chair Kevin Foley reported briefly on the 2008 Chicago convention; the 2009 Cincinnati convention and the 2010 Milwaukee convention.

There was considerable discussion about future conventions, including Chicago, St. Louis and Columbus. Foley to provide additional information.

Lockwood motioned and Heinrich seconded that the case and rack fund's CD be rolled into regular accounts at maturity. Approved.

Moores motioned and Benoit seconded to set the treasurer's salary at \$7,500 per year, retroactive to July 1, with Jack Huggins named as treasurer. Approved with Huggins abstaining.

Brandimore motioned and Young seconded to approve the amended regular budget. Approved.

Adjourned at 5:05 p.m. 

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Lebo
Secretary



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From the Convention Chairman



There is a bit of important news about our 70th Anniversary Convention, to be held at the Duke Energy Center in downtown Cincinnati, with the bourse first opening on Wednesday, April 29, for the by-invitation-only Professional Numismatists Guild Day and closing on Saturday, May 2. Advance bourse sales have been so strong and demand for hotel rooms at our host hotel, the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati, is moving at such a fast pace, that we've added an additional hotel choice, the Hilton Netherland Plaza.

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an enclosed skywalk, so by staying at either of our official hotels, you'll have the additional security of not having to venture outside to transit back and forth from your lodgings to the bourse area or the Heritage auction lot viewing or auction, convention activities that continue after the bourse is closed each day.

A word of caution! The week our event will be in Cincinnati will be an especially busy one at the convention center and with a number of other downtown special events. Downtown hotel rooms will be in short supply. Don't procrastinate. Decide now when you'll need to arrive and depart, and make a reservation at one of our facilities. And, **please**, only reserve the space you'll really need. Other convention attendees will appreciate your consideration in leaving accommodations you won't really need to be available for them. **Remember, both hotels will have a 21 day advance cancellation policy.**

I also have an important announcement about our 72nd Anniversary Convention. It will be held in Rosemont, IL at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, with our bourse dates being Wednesday through Saturday, April 27-30, 2011. The Chicago market has consistently been the first choice of booth holders when Bourse Chairman Lebo and I have sent out written surveys to those on our booth holder mailing list. I know the entire Board is pleased that we have

been able to be sensitive to the wishes of this important constituency within our membership. Rosemont has a great deal to recommend it, as our event site is within two miles of the passenger terminals at O'Hare Airport and is easy to reach by either auto or public transportation.

One of the increasing challenges we face when it comes to site selection is locating venues that are willing to contract with us more than 14 months in advance of our convention dates. The facilities appropriate for our convention are also quite appropriate for many much larger events. We often are in the position of having available to us only "leftover" dates. There are simply more events vying for the size of exhibit space we need than there are facilities available to satisfy the demand. When a convention center – typically with its future dates under the control of a

hotel room tax funded convention and visitors bureau – decides who to allocate its scarce dates to, there is one primary and overriding factor it looks at, *documented hotel room production.*

Our pickup in Rosemont for 2008 was a record for our convention, 1,500+ room nights under our official room blocks. At times in the recent past it has been as low as 800+ room nights, with the same bourse size and roughly equivalent public attendance that we enjoyed in Rosemont. Our 2008 room production was the central reason we were able to move to contract almost three years in advance. My own belief is that we really probably produced an additional 25%-40% in hotel room nights. As far as those who measure such things are concerned, however, if you didn't stay

under one of our official room blocks, you just won't be counted. So, if you want to make your own personal contribution to increasing our site selection clout for the future, each and every one of you can do that by staying under one of our official convention room blocks.

I also want to point out to everyone that we are going to be sponsoring a really exceptional educational seminar in conjunction with our Cincinnati convention. Bob Evans, one of the central figures in the rediscovery, salvaging, conservation and marketing of the gold coins and other artifacts recovered from the *S.S. Central America* will be giving a full-day program on the subject. It will be held Sunday morning and afternoon, the day after the close of our bourse area. This will be the first time we have ever had convention activities going on after the close of the

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bourse. The *S.S. Central America* seminar, however, is an event of such importance that we wanted our attendees to be able to participate without any distractions from other convention functions. Our security room will remain open until 7 p.m. on Sunday for the convenience of seminar attendees. Advance registration and a fee are required for the *S.S. Central America* program. Details are available on our website and else where in this issue of *The Centinel*. (See pages 24 & 49.)

Remember to visit our website, www.centralstates.info, as it is being continually updated as new features are added to our convention. ☺

Kevin Foley

Interesting Happenings!

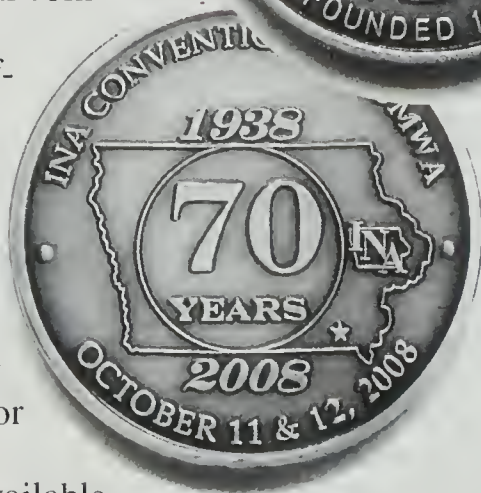
Iowa State Releases Medal

In honor of its 70th anniversary, the Iowa Numismatic Association (INA) has released a commemorative medal.

Founded in 1938, the INA is one of the oldest numismatic organizations in the country, and with over 400 registered members, the club remains an active entity in the state of Iowa. An annual coin show and convention is hosted each fall.

The medals were produced in three different metals: antique bronze, antique nickel-silver, and .999 fine silver. Of the 50 numbered silver pieces, the first 10 were auctioned at the INA fall convention in Ottumwa. Remaining specimens are priced at \$30 each plus \$6 for postage and insurance. Bronze and nickel-silver medals are available of \$5 each plus \$2 for shipping.

Three-piece medal sets may still be available. Further information may be had by contacting either INA Secretary Beverly Ashton, 515-573-3033, 615 Central Avenue, Fort Dodge, IA 50501, or from Denny Ross, 641-932-2731, or by email: sixty2one@iowatelecom.net.



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Seminar a Success

The 4th in a series of Educational Seminars, sponsored by Central States, held September 28th at the Sharonville, Ohio, Convention Center, has been termed "successful" by Ray Lockwood, CSNS education director.

Eighteen attendees listened to the featured speakers: Bill Fivaz, Peter Huntoon, John Kraljevick, and Brad Karoleff. Each used visual images to

accentuate presentations and punctuated their talks with humor and scholarly research. Topics covered included Buffalo Nickels, Col. Green, the Fugio Cent, and Die Marriages in the John Reich series of U.S. coins.

Many of the attendees were heard to echo the same refrain: When will the next Central States seminar be held? For the answer, see pages 24 & 49 of this issue of *The Centinel*!

Lincoln Club Hosts 1st Show

The Lincoln (Nebraska) Numismatic Society (LNS) held its First Annual Coin Show in conjunction with the Nebraska Numismatic Association's (NNA) 54th annual show, September 27-28, in Lincoln.

The show was well attended by 21 dealers from 8 states who brought coins, paper money and exonomia ranging from the earliest times to modern U.S. and world coinage. Exhibits included money once used at Boy's Town, Canadian die-variety large cents, a blue surfer illegally altered

quarter, a large display of portrait coins, and slabs from over 50 grading services (many long gone)!

LNS also hosted the NNA's annual meeting and banquet which included a talk by James Taylor, president of ANACS grading service.

LNS is a new club, only 1½ years young and dedicated to numismatic discussion and participation. Most members worked from set-up to tear-down and are to be congratulated on a job well done and commended for being in attendance for the duration of the show.



Lincoln show staffers who posed for a picture included (from the left) Dave Willsie, bourse chairman; Kim Elder; Dean and Barbara Maki; Jim Bulner, show chairman; Lyle Mullius; Roger Pabian, exhibits chairman; Tony Inzodda, president; Don and Michelle Inzodda; Gary Weber; and Roger Bolz, vice-president.

DLRC Launches *Stella*!

John Feigenbaum, president of David Lawrence Rare Coins, recently announced the unveiling of a new website called *Stella* (www.stellacoinnews.com) which will provide daily Blogs by numismatic leaders, as well as free access to DLRC Press publications. "We hope *Stella* will become a regular stopping point for collectors who are looking for more information on current events within the coin community, as well as reference material that they previously could only find in books," according to Feigenbaum.

In our first month of operations, DLRC has published two rare books from their catalog. The first was David Lawrence's anecdotal stories titled, *Tales from the Bourse*. The second, a more ambitious effort, is *The Complete Guide to Liberty Seated Half Dollars* by Randy Wiley and Bill Bugert. This amazing book remains the only standard reference to the varieties of this series and it has been largely unavailable for more than five years.

Future plans for *Stella* include as many as ten more DLRC Press titles and they hope to get other authors to contribute their books as well.

Chicago Club to Play Host

A recent meeting of the Chicago Coin Club featured the presentation of a letter from Brenda Bishop, ANA meeting services manager, inviting CCC to serve as host club to the ANA 2011 convention in Rosemont. The club motioned and unanimously passed to accept the offer. A brief discussion was led concerning the club's responsibility to submit its choice of a General Chairman.



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WHILE U.S. CONGRESS CONSIDERS, HUNGARY TAKES ACTION!

AMERICAN AUTO HISTORY COMMEMORATED FIRST ON HUNGARIAN 1,000 FORINT

by Steven Bieda

American commemorative coins have documented some of this nation's crowning achievements. Issues commemorating statesmen, vets, sports events, inventors and important national milestones have been noted in our commemorative series. Strangely enough, considering the influence of the automobile on American life, it has never been a subject of a U.S. commemorative coin.

This may soon change. During the 110th United States Congress two identical commemorative coin bills were introduced in both the House and Senate (H.R. 1619 and S. 587). The bills call for a commemorative silver dollar of traditional size and 90% silver to be issued in 2010 marking the centennial of the birthplace of the assembly line and the influence of the Model T. It is likely that the bills will be revised and reintroduced in the 111th Congress if they don't become law by the end of the 2008 calendar year.

Arguably the most important auto-

mobile events in world history was the development of the Model T and the assembly line. The Model T was first produced on October 1, 1908, and was in continuous production until May 26, 1927. A total of 15,000,000 Model T Fords were produced during this time period.

On January 1, 1910, the Ford Motor Company began building Model Ts at its Highland Park, Michigan, plant. It was in this plant that Ford engineers developed the assembly line for Model T production. Henry Ford's relentless search for ever more production at ever lower cost led to the development of what we now call "mass production:" standardized products assembled from interchangeable parts by workers doing repetitive tasks as the work flows by in an endless stream. If something as complex as an automobile could be mass produced, so could simpler items like radios, toasters, and lawn mowers. Industries around the world adopted, adapted, and often improved on Ford's

methods. Mass production and mass consumption became two of the characteristics of 20th century life in the industrialized world.

By fostering unprecedented personal mobility, the Model T drove the transformation of the landscape, the economy, and the social life of America. The auto industry became the driving force in the U.S. economy. The abundance of affordable cars powered the rapid growth of suburbia, the building of the interstate highway system, the spread of shopping malls, the popularity of family vacations, changes in habits of courtship, and became an icon of the American middle class. Without the revolution sparked by the Model T, the world as we know it would not be possible. Quite simply, the legacy of the Model T as an innovation that changed the face of America and the world continues to resonate today. It is not surprising that historians note the long-lasting significance of the development of the Model T and the assembly line not only on American life but of world history as well.

Thus, it is not surprising that other countries have noted the historical significance of the Model T on their own commemorative coinage.

On February 23, 2006, the Magyar

Nemzeti Bank (National Bank of Hungary) issued a commemorative 1,000 Forint coin celebrating the 125th anniversary of the birth of Hungarian designers Jozsef Galamb (1881-1955) and Jeno Farkas (1881-1963). Both men played key roles in the design of the Model T Ford.

Galamb was Henry Ford's chief designer and the man behind the design of the Model T Ford. He was born in Mako, Hungary, on February 3, 1881, and was educated at the Donat Banki Technical College in Budapest where he earned his diploma in mechanical engineering. His early career commenced with his employment at a steel engineering factory, and later at the Hungarian Automobile Company. When Galamb learned of the American Auto World Fair in 1904, he used his savings to travel from Europe to the United States by ship and soon found employment as a toolmaker at the Westinghouse Corporation.

In December, 1905, Galamb joined the then two-year old Ford Motor Company as a designer. After his work redesigning the cooling system for the Model N, he became chief designer of the company and personally constructed many parts for the Model T. Galamb was employed with Ford Motor



Steven Bieda, a member of the Central States Numismatic Society, is the designer of the reverse side of the 1992 Olympic Half Dollar. In addition, he successfully proposed and initiated legislation for the 2004 Edison Silver Dollar and assisted Michigan Governor Granholm in the selection of the 2004 Michigan Quarter design. Bieda is active in a number of numismatic organizations, including the Michigan State Numismatic Society where he has previously served as a board member and as legal counsel, and the American Numismatic Association where he holds life membership.

Company for the bulk of his career. He retired in 1944 due to ill health, dying of a heart attack eleven years later in Detroit on December 4, 1955.

The Hungarian coin also plays tribute to Galamb's colleague and fellow countryman, Jeno (Eugene) Farkas who was born on October 26, 1881, in Kald, Hungary. He attended the Royal Joseph Technical University, receiving a degree as a certified mechanical engineer in 1904. He came to the United States in 1906, first working at Maxwell-Briscoe, an early auto manufacturer. He came to Detroit in 1907 and was first hired by Ford Motor Company, left to work for Cadillac, then left the state to work for Morgan Engineering of America in Alliance, Ohio. Jozsef Galamb rehired his fellow Hungarian at Ford Motor Company in 1908. He left Ford later in 1908 for employment at various Detroit auto companies as a tool designer and engineer before returning to Ford employment in 1913, this time to stay until his retirement in 1947. Farkas died on February 24, 1963, in South Laguna Beach, Florida.

Henry Ford insisted that the Ford Company's future lay in the production of affordable cars for a mass market. Beginning in 1903, the Ford Motor Company began using the first 19 letters of the alphabet to name cars. In 1908 the Model T was born.

The Ford Model T was first produced at the Piquette Plant in Detroit in October, 1908. With the move to the Highland Park Plant in 1910, the beginning of the development of a faster and more efficient means of production began to be developed. In 1913 the first Model T rolled off the assembly line in 1913 and would continue to see mass production until 1927. A popular car in its day, people affectionately nicknamed it the "Tin Lizzie" and "Fliver." The Model T would ultimately become an

American icon with 15,170,000 produced. Today, Model T clubs exist all over the world with an estimated 200,000 cars still existing.

The Hungarian coin is square with the denomination of 1,000 Forint. It was minted in cupronickel with a diameter of 28.43 mm x 28.43 mm and weight of 14 grams. The coin was produced with a total mintage of 20,000, with proof and uncirculated specimens being produced in equal quantities of 10,000 each. The coin is struck in medal rotation. For the first three months of its issuance, the uncirculated coin was available from the Hungarian Mint and selected outlets for the 1,000 Forint face value (depending on exchange rates roughly equivalent to Five Dollars in United States currency). Today, the coin may be purchased from dealers who specialize in world coinage or from on-line auction sites such as eBay.

Both sides of the coin were designed by Istvan Hollo. On the reverse of this coin, with the shape of a square stood on its point, the Model T Ford is depicted. Above the auto there is a circular legend *FORD T-MODELL* and beneath it *MAGYAR TERVEZOI: GALAMB JOZSEF ES FARKAS JENO* (translated as "Hungarian Designers: Jozsef Galamb and Jeno Farkas.") The obverse of this special coin depicts a partial three-quarter frontal view of the Model T Ford. The date of issuance, 2006, the denomination of 1000 Forint and issuing country are also displayed.

Thus, while one can hope that the United States has a commemorative coin honoring the Model T and the birthplace of the assembly line, in the meantime, collectors interested in American Auto history may like to consider the 2006 Hungarian 1,000 Forint commemorative. 

REMINDEES...

from the Education Director

To All CSNS Member Clubs:

1. You can have five (5) DVDs absolutely free, just for asking! These productions of David Lisot cover a wide-range of numismatic topics and most feature well-known speakers in our hobby. For instance, Bob Evans, chief scientist on the *S.S. Central America* coin and bullion recovery project, gives a talk on the project and the challenges of bringing the treasures up from the bottom of the Atlantic and the process of cleaning the silver and gold coins. Other topics and speakers include Q. David Bowers speaking on "Great Coin Collectors and Their Collections" and Bill Brandimore's talk, "Assembling an Original Thirteen Colonies Currency Set." These DVDs make excellent programs for club meetings or as "loaners" to club members. Give me a call at 765-664-6520 or email me at sunrayofmarion@aol.com; I'll send you a list of the 100 available DVDs. Reminder:

Central States will send your club FIVE DVDs for FREE! — Ray Lockwood, Central States Education Director.

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1. TUESDAY, APRIL 28: William Conroy, senior grading finalizer for the Numismatic Guarantee Corporation (NGC), will present a three-hour seminar on "Diagnosing Characteristics of Key Date Altered & Counterfeit Coins." Seminar hours are: 9 a.m.-noon in Room 261 of the Convention Center.

Also on **Tuesday, April 28**, Glen Jorde, senior grading finalizer for Paper Money Guaranty Corporation (PMG), will present a three-hour seminar on "Issues Related to the Aesthetic & Appearance Enhancement of Collectible Paper Money." Seminar hours are 1-4 p.m.

No admission charge for either seminar! Everyone interested in attending one or both seminars should register with Ray Lockwood, CSNS Education Director, by phone 765-664-6520; fax 765-664-6503; email: sunrayofmarion@aol.com; or by snail-mail: 2075 E. Bocock Road, Marion, IN 46952.

Deadline for registration: April 24, 2009.

2. SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 2 & 3: The American Numismatic Association will conduct its popular "Coins in the Classroom" seminar for teachers. Each seminar day will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. in Room 238 of the Duke Energy Center, downtown Cincinnati.

All teachers are encouraged to register online at either the ANA website (www.money.org) or CSNS website (www.centralstates.info). Teachers will gain practical knowledge and a wealth of free supplies for classroom use.

3. SUNDAY, MAY 3: Central States is proud to present Robert Evans, chief scientist for the *S. S. Central America* discovery and gold recovery project. Mr. Evans will spend the day (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) at the Duke Energy Center in downtown Cincinnati discussing and showing all aspects of the history, discovery, recovery and restoration of the precious artifacts of the ill-fated *S. S. Central America*. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to interact with Mr. Evans and hear his first-hand accounts of the entire *S. S. Central America* story.

Registration forms are available upon request from Ray Lockwood, CSNS Education Director, by email (sunrayofmarion@aol.com) or by phone (765-664-6520).

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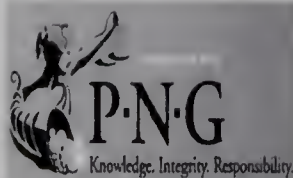
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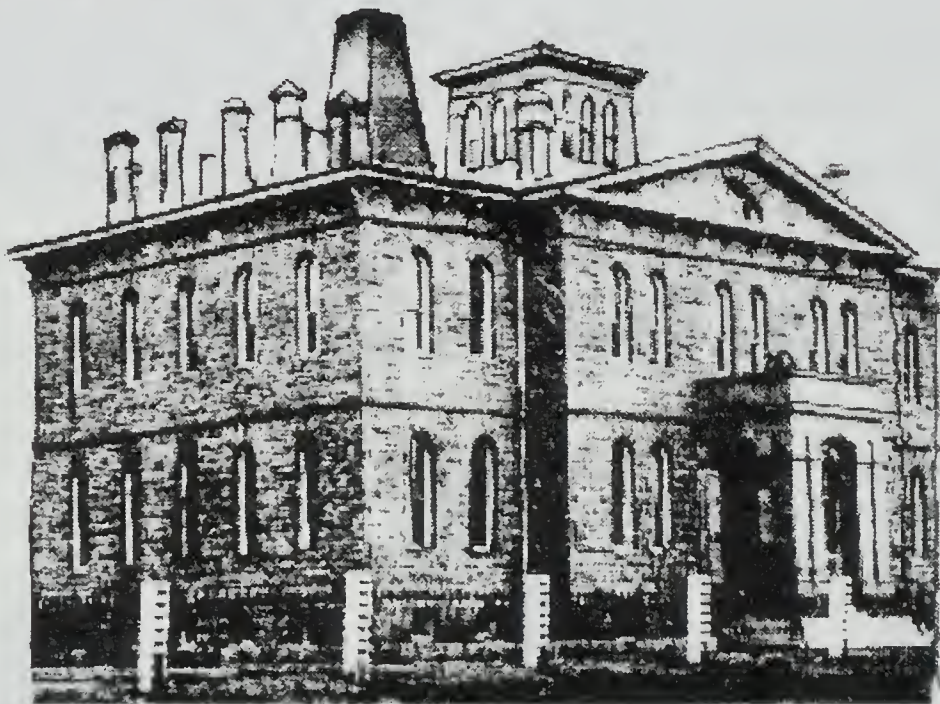
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THE CARSON CITY MINT MYSTERY

BY CYNTHIA L. MOHON, NLG



The Carson City Mint was established in 1870 and, after several minting interruptions through the years for various reasons, ceased to mint coins in 1893. However, it was open for government business as a refinery for bullion, most of the time.

THE SCENE:

U.S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada.

THE TIME:

Spring, 1895.

THE MYSTERY:

Gold missing without explanation.

SUSPECTED VILLAINS:

The new nitric-sulfuric process for separating gold and other precious metals from base ore and inexperienced mint employees; or unknown thieves; or unidentified Mint employees.

THE PLAYERS:

Andrew Mason – Superintendent of the U.S. Assay Office at New York.

A. L. Gallagher – U.S. Secret Service.

J. W. Adams – Superintendent of Carson City Mint as of June 1, 1894.

E. B. Zabriskie – Melter and Refiner prior to June, 1894.

Hirsch Harris – Melter and Refiner as of June, 1894, replacing Zabriskie.

John T. Jones – Assistant Melter and refiner for Zabriskie and Adams, 1891 to 1895.

James Heney – Silver dissolver employed at Carson City mint for several years prior to June 30, 1893.

A Problem is Discovered

Hirsch Harris hurried toward the office of J. W. Adams, Superintendent of the Carson City Mint. Mr. Harris was worried, very worried. He had been selected as the new head of the Melter and Refiner Department at the Carson City Mint only six months earlier. He and the new Superintendent had begun work at the Mint in June, 1894. Hirsch Harris had been employed to replace E. B. Zabriskie who had been in ill health for a lengthy period of time.

Pausing at the door of the Superintendent's office, Mr. Harris reviewed his paperwork. It was going to be hard to explain the problem ... well, not the problem. The problem was clear! The amount of gold being derived from the separating process was very short of expectations. A lot of gold was missing ... 1,514,277 ounces of standard gold! What was hard to explain was, "What had happened to the gold?"

The accounts of the different departments of the mint were carefully kept. The bookkeeping reports from the departments were summarized and the final figures were balanced. The results were evaluated and signed off by the superintendent at the end of the fiscal year, June; or, at any time there was significant personnel change. In June there had been both the end of the fiscal year and significant personnel change. The accounts had been summarized and balanced. The accounts had been accepted by Mr. Harris and the new superintendent.

Everything looked in order.

That had been six months ago. Mr. Harris had been working hard putting his department in order. He had been fortunate to have an experienced employee as an assistant. John Jones, who had been with the department

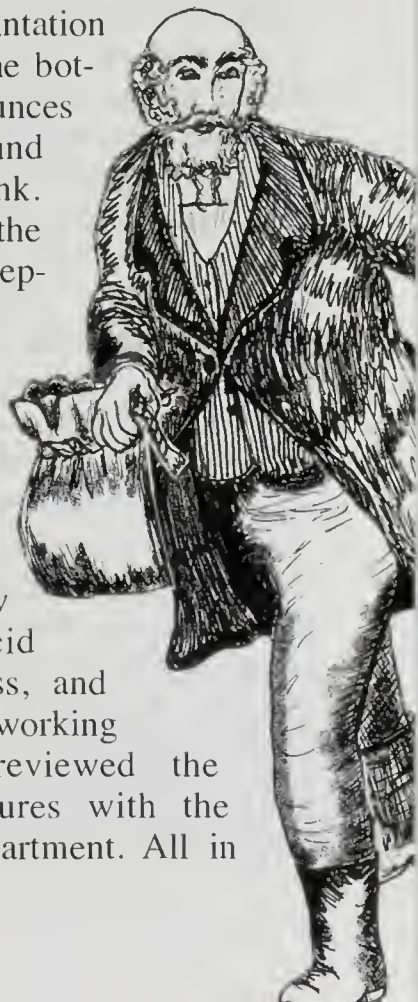
since 1891, had been filling in on most of Mr. Zabriskie's duties. Jones seemed to know what he was doing. He had been very helpful in assisting Mr. Harris in the implementation of the new nitric-sulfuric separating process. They had started the new process on December 5, 1894. Could that be the problem?

Maybe the new process wasn't working as well as they had thought!

Steeling himself to the questions he would be asked for which he had no answers, Mr. Harris knocked at Mr. Adams door.

The Search for the Missing Gold Begins

During the next month, Mr. Hirsch explored every possible avenue to find the missing gold. He had the "slum" cleaned out and the amount of gold in it exactly determined. The "slum" was a leaden tank which received all solutions washed from fine gold sponge and in which any gold that passed over in the washings by decantation would settle in the bottom. About 700 ounces of gold were found in the "slum" tank. He ordered that the residues and sweepings from a clean up of the department be done. Mr. Hirsch ran samples of accurately assayed unparted metal through the new nitric-sulfuric acid separation process, and found it to be working perfectly. He reviewed the assaying procedures with the head of that department. All in



good working order.

The remaining unparted bullion melts (deposits, etc) were re-weighed, and the exact amount of gold in them determined. By summarizing the total percentages of assayed unparted gold and comparing the recent melt records, Mr. Harris had determined that there appeared to be a total deficit of about 3,000 ounces standard gold. He reported this formally to J. W. Adams on February 13, 1895. Well aware of the unresolved problem, Mr. Adams had contacted the Secret Service in early February for their assistance in the investigation. With the losses continued, he now contacted the U.S. Assay Office who sent their best man as the primary investigator.

This was a job which required a competent assayer and accountant to sniff out the cause of these shortages. The U.S. Assay Office in New York sent Mr. Andrew Mason. Mr. Mason was the well-respected superintendent and a man of acumen and experience.

Mr. Mason arrived in Carson City to begin his inquiries. He interviewed all pertinent employees, inspected the premises – including the chimneys and roofs of the building. He reviewed the assay records and the procedures used in assay. He reviewed the nitric-sulfuric separation procedures.

After Mr. Mason conferred with Secret Service Agent A. L. Gallagher, certain employees employed at the mint, particularly those in the separating room, were put under surveillance. There were no immediate results.

In evaluating the possible sources of the shortage, there were only certain reasonable possibilities. 1) The gold content of the bullion shipments might not have contained all the gold charged in the account; or the recorded assays for the bullion were incorrect; 2) The excess gold might have been poorly

separated in the new process and drained: or 3) Quantities of the imparted bullion or the gold shot product were stolen.

Mr. Mason supervised the re-assaying of a number of melts including one labeled "*Silver Purchase No. 164*" received November 7, 1892, weighing 2,133.30 ounces and containing 482.5 thousandths gold and 500 thousandths silver. On re-assay it was found to have 19.5 thousandths gold and 946 thousandths silver – a deficiency in gold of \$20,417.93 (1,097.64 ounces standard)! By examining the records of the melt deliveries as presented to the new superintendent in June, 1894, it became clear that part of the gold from "*Silver Purchase No. 164*" had been used to make up or cover-up a previously unknown deficiency just in time to make the melter and refiner's settlement a satisfactory one.

Only the melter and refiner could have had the access and authorities to have used other melts to bring the accounts to balance. Only the melter and refiner could have pulled a melt batch up on an unrecorded separation schedule, removed a percentage of the gold and returned the melt to the pending lots of unparted bullion.

Until Mr. Harris was assigned in June, 1894, the daily responsibility of the position resided with Mr. John T. Jones as assistant melter and refiner who had worked in this function for four years. It was immediately clear that the only person who had control of which batches would be separated, when they would be scheduled and the bookkeeping of the results was Mr. Jones. It was evident from these



records that Mr. Jones had covered stealing on his own account by other spurious melts, and at the last moment, had extracted gold from unrecorded melts to cover up the missing gold in an attempt to prevent an investigation. It was also clear that he had hoped that the new separating process might be the cover by which he could explain the gold loss in some mechanical fashion, covering his thievery.



Mr. Gallagher's surveillance and investigations also brought some new information to light. It was discovered that James H. Heney (who had been employed as a silver dissolver for several years in the separating room of the Carson City Mint) had brought gold worth over \$20,000 to Reno Nevada Reduction Works for melting and assaying in August, 1893. Heney had been released from employment June 30, 1893. It was unclear what connection there was between Mr. Heney and Mr. Jones except that they both had worked in the melting and refining section. Gold had disappeared during the time frames that both had worked in the department. Mr. Heney had been linked to gold which could only have come from the mint. Mr. Jones was the only person who could have arranged the melt schedules and bookkeeping for that department.

The Trials Begin

There seemed sufficient information to bring a true bill of action to the Grand Jury. These were granted and

the U.S. District Attorney issued warrants of arrest. Mr. Heney fled jurisdiction. The Secret Service staff went in hot pursuit. After a lengthy chase Mr. Heney was apprehended.

The alleged thieves were tried separately. Mr. Heney's trial came up first. The defense attorney proposed that the original genuine *Silver Purchase Melt No. 164* had been delivered and receipted in June, 1894. Since the accounts at that time had reflected no shortage, no gold had been stolen from the mint by anyone previous to June, 1894. Therefore any gold Mr. Heney had taken to the Reno Reduction Works came from other than the Mint. The defense attorney also alleged that Mr. Hirsh Harris had made spurious melt(s) in February inferring theft by Mr. Harris. He also alleged that the shortage existing in February, 1895, came from losses in the separating room due to lack of experience of new employees with the separating process. Mr. Heney's attorney called an expert witness from San Francisco who testified that the missing gold might have been improperly dissolved due to the use of impure acids. The expert claimed that large amounts of gold had been present in the sulfate of copper solution which had been delivered to the purchaser of those by-product liquids. He also stated that a large quantity of gold had been run into the sewer during the operation of the nitric-sulfuric process. He testified that samples from various parts of the sewer had been sent to the same expert for assay and he reported them to be rich in gold. The purchaser of the copper sulfate by-product fluids testified that the liquid from the mint had produced larger amounts of gold per ton from the ores processed. This logic was the source of the statement that the copper sulfate solution from

the mint was rich in gold!

The prosecutor countered with evidence that the consolidation record kept in the melter and refiner's department had been tampered with and had a number of pages carefully removed. These pages had probably been removed to conceal evidence of the use of the gold extracted from the original melt of *Silver Purchase No. 164* in the separating room; and very likely concealed evidence of other spurious melts which had subsequently been transferred on the books as "unparted" in June, 1894, at the balancing of the books. The previously raided melts were delivered as imparted and were re-separated in the new nitric-sulfuric process therefore delivering much lower amount of gold in the second separating process. It was also indicated that there had been an unexplained deficit in June, 1893, of 2,900 ounces standard gold and the account was not balanced as it had been in previous years.

Faced with the conflicting testimony, the jury failed to come to an agreement, and a new trial was ordered for December 2, 1895.

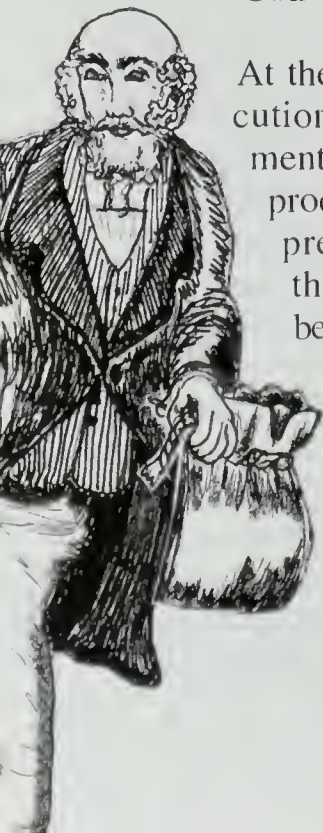
'Old' Villain Introduced & Banished

At the second trial the prosecution countered the argument about the separating process being the villain by presenting the evidence that, in the interim between trials, another lot of bullion was parted using the same nitric and sulfuric acid sources in precisely the same way with the same employees. The results were

the exact amount of gold was rendered which had been calculated prior to the separation process; and not a trace of gold was found in any of the residual liquids used in the process. Also the evidence from the books in connection with the melt No. 164 was presented, as well as the disposal of the gold at the Reno Reduction Works. And a spectacular new piece of information was provided for the jury: A witness had been located who had been hired (along with the witness's son) to drive Mr. Heney to Reno from Carson City, stopping on the outskirts of the city, to pick up two bags of shot (fine gold) from a place of concealment. This witness had been paid \$400 to send his son to Canada and \$400 more to hide out himself to avoid the service of a subpoena on the previous trial. Also the mass of gold received by the Reno Reduction Works was identified as powdered or sponge fine gold. They had been unfamiliar with how it looked until given the opportunity to see the gold product at the Mint before the trial.

The jury found Mr. Heney guilty and he was sentenced to imprisonment for 8 years and a fine of \$5,000.

The trial for Mr. Jones was finally called to order on March 2, 1896. The evidence which had been utilized in Mr. Heney's trial related to the gold processing was presented; and it was also proved beyond doubt that there had been other spurious melts used in the settlement of June, 1894, in place of genuine ones. The spurious melts had gold taken out in the separating room and either stolen or used to replace other gold that had been embezzled by Mr. Jones. It was shown that Mr. Jones had constant and full control of the bullion while it was in the vault attached to the office of the melter and refiner.



Despite this strong evidence, the jury failed to reach a verdict and was discharged on March 19, 1896. A new trial was set for April 20, 1896.

Mr. Mason went to work seeking the irrefutable proof that would convince the new jury. He started working with the bullion accounts starting with the year ending June, 1891, which was the year Mr. Jones became assistant melter and refiner. Mr. Mason traced the individual history of every subsequent bullion melt. He found that two melts, Nos. 523 and 524, had been separated on April 27 and 28, respectively; but had been included as unparted in the settlement of June, 1891. After having been re-delivered to the melter and refiner at the close of the settlement, they were recorded as having been separated again in July, 1891. Also in the year ending June, 1892, two melts – Nos. 437 and 462 – were received as deposits in April, were sent to the separating room in May and were delivered to the superintendent at the June, 1892, settlement, as unparted bullion. With melt Nos. 437 and 462 the numbers recorded in the consolidation record had been roughly erased and the numbers EX. 37 and EX. 67 written over them. This was obviously done for concealment because no such numbers appeared on the assayer's records. These two melts, like the ones of 1891, were sent a second time to be separated in July, 1892.

Mr. Mason continued to examine the records of the bullion vaults and determined that two deposits, No. 47 and No. 7, were received on January 5 and February 5 and were sent to the separating room on February 3 and March 13. Nonetheless they were noted as unparted in the settlement of June, 1894, which was sent to the new superintendent. Once again the numbers 47 and 76 had been too roughly

erased and the new numbers Ex. 04 and Ex. 07 were written over them presumably for concealment of the identity of the melt batches. These two melts were sent in December, 1894, and January, 1895, by the new melter and refiner, Mr. Harris, to be separated by the new nitric-sulfuric process. He, of course, was unaware that they had been raided in the past of a percentage of their assayed gold content. When the separation was completed, these two melts were over 1,000 ounces short of the amount of gold their original assays predicted they would yield.

Key Evidence: Silver Purchase No. 164

The last two melts discovered in 1894 with the now infamous Silver Purchase No. 164 of 1893 covered the abstraction of 2,100 ounces of standard gold – more than 1/2 the shortage of 4,060.799 ounces standard. Mr. Mason estimated that, all factors considered, the actual amount stolen was probably about \$100,000, utilizing a sort of embezzler's Ponzi scheme.

All the original entries of the melts and the new numbers entered over the imperfectly erased items were in the handwriting of Mr. Jones.

With the new evidence added to that presented in the first trial, the second jury was in conference only for a few minutes on May 2, 1896, before delivering a guilty verdict. On May 4, 1896, Mr. Jones was sentenced to eight years imprisonment and a \$5,000 fine. Mr. Mason had detected and proved that Mr. Heney, silver dissolver, and Mr. Jones, assistant melter and refiner,



had stolen the gold entrusted to their care and had tried to cast guilt on others.

It is to be noted, that due to the investigation and trials, the Carson

City refinery was not operated during the year of 1896. The business of this mint was limited to the receipt of gold deposits only. 

Reference: *Twenty-Fourth Annual Report of the Director of the Mint to the Secretary of the Treasury for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1896.*

Editor's Note: *The average skilled worker earned \$2.15-\$3.46 a day for a 50 hour work week in 1896. The \$90,000 not recovered or paid in fines/expenses incurred by the thieves, would leave one to believe that the criminals "retirement plan," paid off for them big time in the end. It would have taken one worker working full-time approximately 88 years to have earned the sum that they stole. With neither Jones nor Harris being flashy spenders, we've got to wonder what happened to the money after the prison terms were served!*

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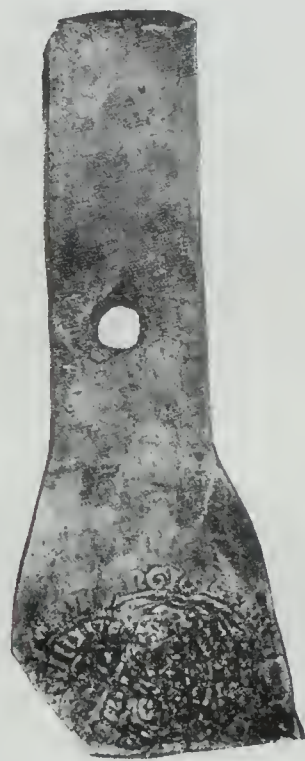
Trial of the Pyx

by Max B. Spiegel

There is an event that has occurred regularly in London since the twelfth century. It is the Trial of the Pyx, and at stake is the financial health of the United Kingdom. The King's Remembrancer presides over a jury of goldsmiths, who proceed to assay the contents of the pyxes, wooden boxes containing samples of the coins being struck at the Royal Mint. To ensure that the master of the mint is not pilfering from the treasury, all the coins must be within the statutory limits for purity, weight and size.

Although it is unclear which ancient civilization first held ceremonies to assay its coins, it is known that the Greeks were very meticulous in attempting to standardize their coinage. It is believed that the Romans brought with them some vestige of a trial to Britain sometime during their occupation from 43 to 410 AD. The next advancements came in 1002 when King Ethelred's Witan (an early form of Parliament) approved laws that gave heavy penalties for any mint master who struck coins (presumably of lower quality) "off the books" and not in the presence of any witnesses. Some historians believe that it was King Henry II (1154-1189) who first held trials, which were followed shortly by King John calling all his moneyers to Westminster, who brought with them their workers, assayers and dies, in order to verify their products. A similar quorum of the moneyers, die mechanics (called *custodies cuneorum*), and assayers of all the mints was held in 1248. Also attending was King Henry III, the mayor of London, and many other important fig-

ures. At this gathering a jury of professional goldsmiths assayed two "wedges" of silver, one pure and one of sterling/coin fineness. Although the first known writ for a trial is dated 1281/2, it is clear that similar assemblies were held many years prior.



A 1477 Trial Plate. Actual size: 9.7 cm x 3.5 cm.

It was not until 1345 that King Edward III formally standardized the ceremony, the form of which has remained essentially the same to this date. The pyx, and other regalia, was held in the Chapel of the Pyx in Westminster Abbey. The actual trial took place nearby at the Palace of Westminster, which was the residence of the monarch until the early 16th century. It is interesting that because there were multiple assays in a single year, the mint master was required to use a different privy mark on his coins during each quarter. The privy marks, which

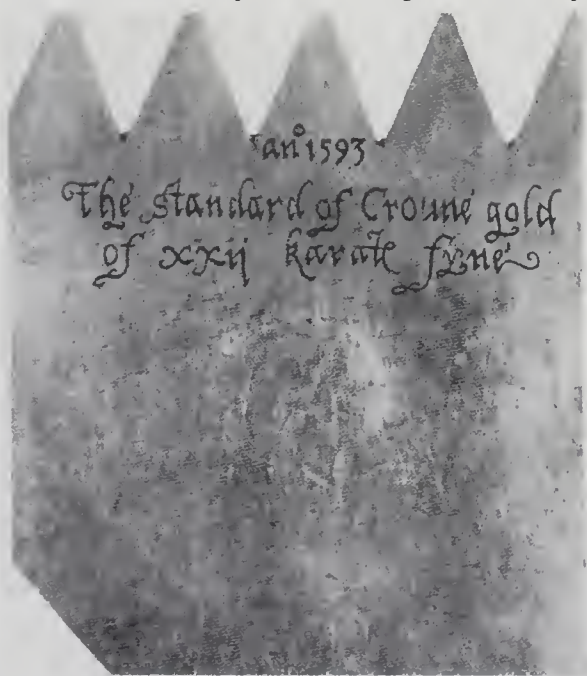
could be anything from figures to designs to initials, allowed the mint master to distinguish during which months his coins were struck.

The deputy master of the mint was charged with ensuring that approximately one coin per journey-weight was sealed inside the pyx, which was essentially a "piggy bank" that was secured by three separate locks. Originally a journey-weight was the approximate number of coins that could be struck by hand inside the mint during a given day. A journey of gold is equal to 15 troy pounds and a journey of silver is 60 troy pounds. The three keys to the pyx were held by three different individuals: the mint warden, the mint master, and the comptroller of the mint. The pyx, which comes from the Greek word *pyxis* meaning box, was held by the comptroller until it was summoned for the trial, at which point it would be brought to the Chapel of the Pyx and opened in the presence of the Lord Chancellor, the Lords of the Counsel, the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, the Justices of several benches, and the Barons of the Exchequer. The Chapel contained the royal treasury at least into the 15th century and was protected by

six locks and a huge door, which still stands today.

When the pyx was opened, a jury of expert goldsmiths was sworn in as they would for any trial. Presiding over the jurors is the King's Remembrancer, a position created in 1154 by King Henry II as the chief official of the Exchequer Court. This position is still around today, and is the oldest judicial position in the United Kingdom in continuous existence. The first task for the jurors is to take coins at random from the pyx. They would then get a collective weight and subsequently melt and assay them to determine the amount of gold or silver present. The results from this assay would then be compared to an assay of the trial plates. These trial plates were composed of an independently agreed to standard to which all coins struck at the Royal Mint must conform. They were held by the exchequer, which was the part of government that managed and collected the royal revenues. (An interesting fact is that originally exchequer referred to a table, 10 feet by 5 feet, on which counters were placed representing different values. As one can imagine, the modern game of checkers was derived from these counters placed on the table.)

During the Trial of the Pyx, a small piece of the trial plate would be chipped off so that it could be assayed along with the coins. As an additional security protection, the trial plates were cut into unusual shapes in an effort to protect them from counterfeiting. When a trial plate of the standard was produced, it would be cut into different pieces. Two would go to the mint, one would go to the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths in London, and the central piece would be held by the exchequer. When it came time for the Trial of the Pyx, the plates could be fit into the central piece to determine authenticity. Unfortunately, since pieces of these plates would have



A 1593 Gold Trial Plate.
Actual size: 11 cm x 2.6 cm.

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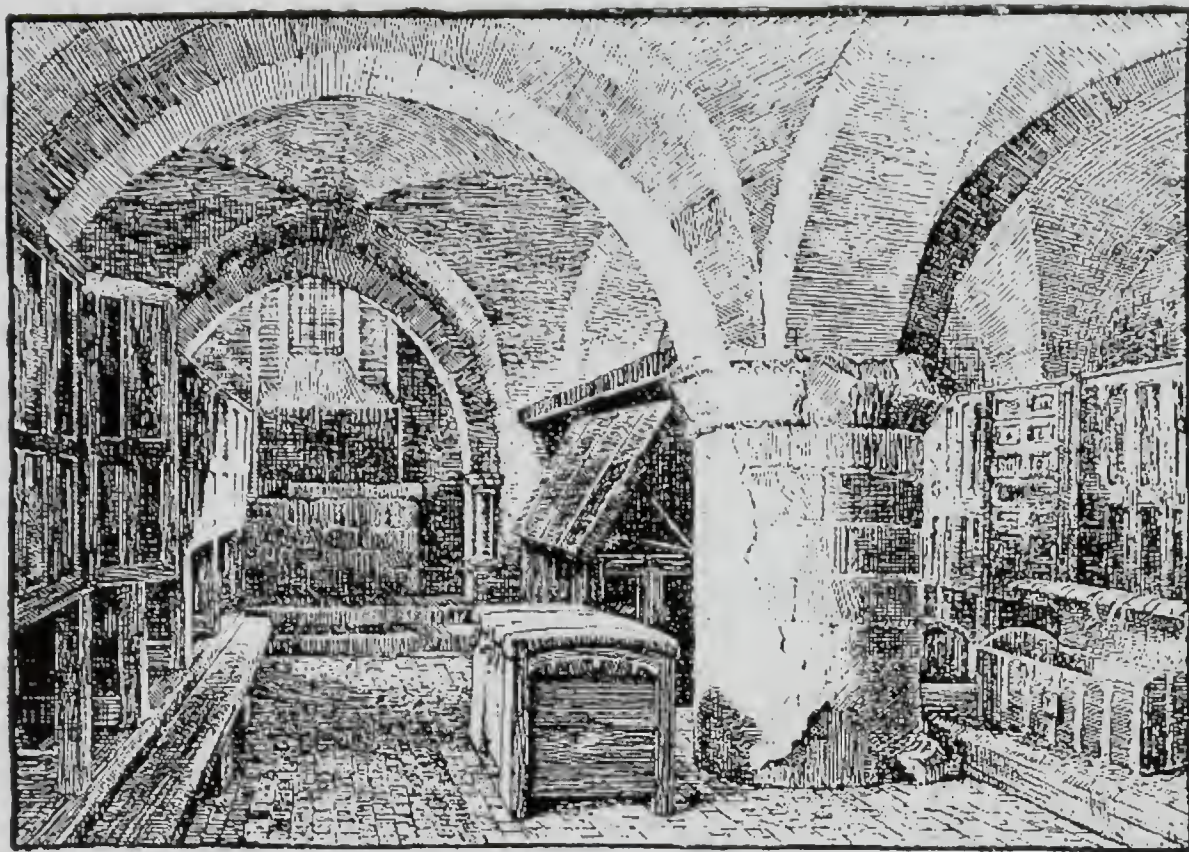
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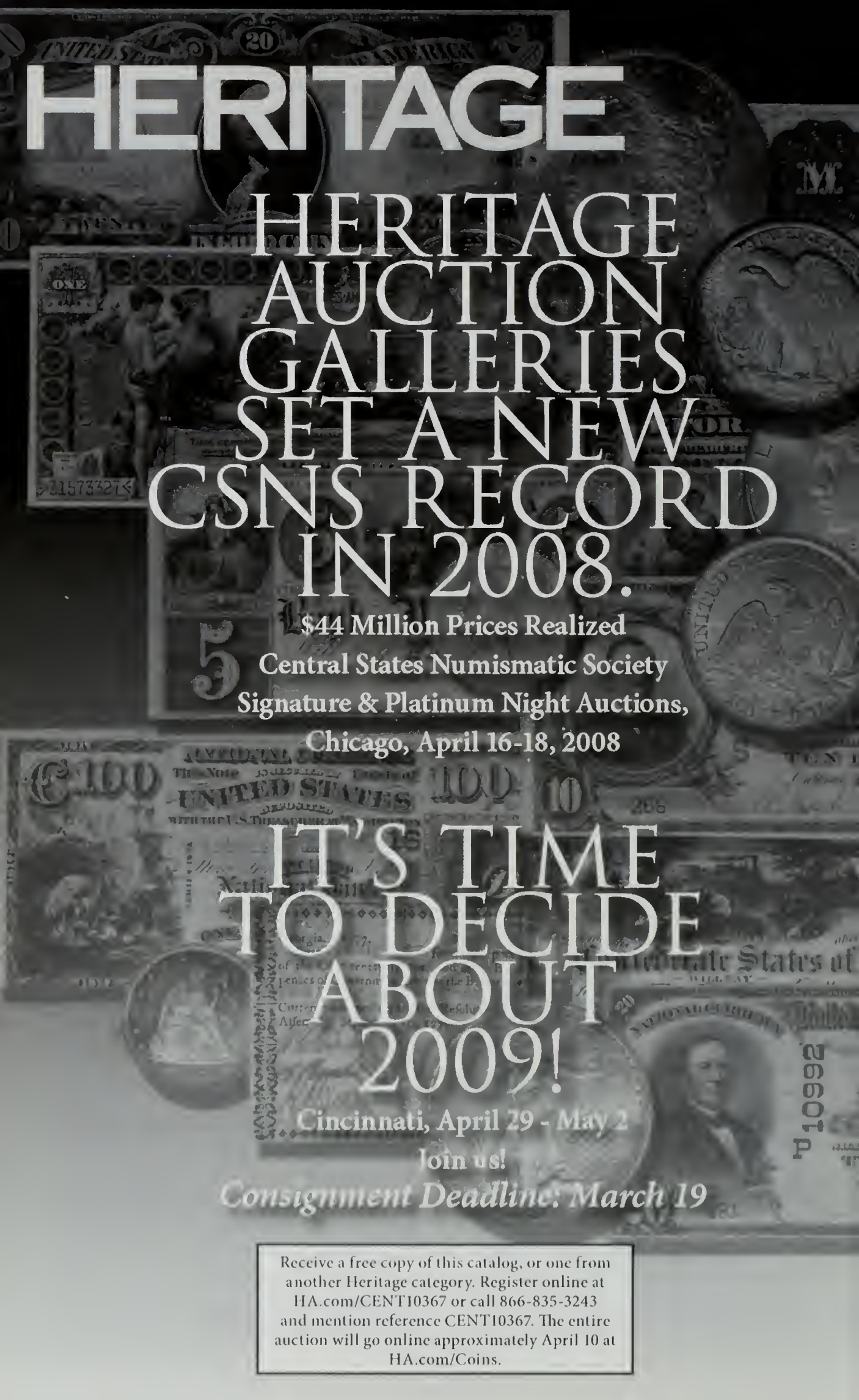
An early drawing of the Pyx chamber.

to be chipped off and assayed, eventually the plates would be too small and they would regularly have to be remade. When the assay was completed by the jurors, the result, called the Verdict of the Pyx, would be presented to the master of the mint and a report would be filed with the king.

Since 1300 the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, which received its royal charter in 1327, has been charged with testing the quality of gold and silver. The Goldsmiths' Company is part of the famed Twelve Great Livery Companies of the City of London, and ranks fifth in the order of precedence of the Livery Companies. The original purpose of the company was to hallmark gold and silver (and, beginning in 1975, platinum). In fact, the word hallmarking comes from the inspection and marking of the metals in the Goldsmiths' Hall. The company operates the London Assay Office and is one of the few ancient Livery Companies that still carries on its origi-

nal purpose. In 1870 the Trial of the Pyx ceremony was moved from the Palace of Westminster to the Hall of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, where to this day the trial still occurs.

Although there was originally no rule for how often a trial must take place – at first they occurred as frequently as every three months, but later there were sometimes as many as seven years between trials – they have taken place at annual intervals since 1780, with the Trial beginning in February and the verdict being given approximately two months later. This ancient custom has been essentially the same since King Edward III formalized it in 1345. In 1866 a report was presented to the House of Commons pertaining to the Trial of the Pyx, and four years later the Coinage Act of 1870 stipulated that it was mandatory that a Trial take place once yearly and that the jury consist of at least six “competent freemen of the Goldsmiths of the City of London or other suitable persons.”

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The third – and perhaps most famous – instance of failure occurred in 1710 when Isaac Newton was master of the mint. Newton is very well-known for his perfectionism at the mint and took many steps to prevent illegal clipping and claimed to have saved the crown hundreds of pounds through his efficiency. Thus it is no surprise that when the jury pronounced his gold coins to be below standard Newton was furious. As another example of the genius of this great scientist, Newton was able to demonstrate that the fault lay not in his coins, but in the defective

trial plates. In 1926 there was a fourth instance of failure when the jury found that one silver sixpence was underweight by .008 grams. Most recently, the *New Zealand Numismatic Journal* reported in June, 1976, that there was a slight discrepancy found in the Maundy coins. Overall, however, the Trial of the Pyx has proven that with the exception of those few times the coinage of the United Kingdom is sound.

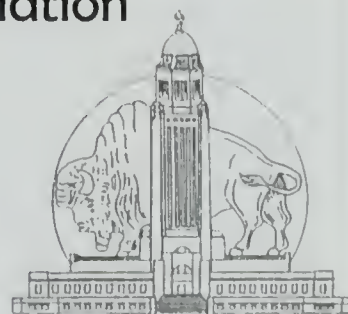
A similar trial has occurred annually in the United States since 1792. In 1791, Alexander Hamilton, the Secretary of the Treasury, presented the idea for an annual assay to the Congress. The same Act of April 2, 1792, that established the United States Mint also created an Annual Assay Commission. This commission was to be comprised of the Chief Justice of the United States, the Secretary and Comptroller of the Treasury, the Secretary of State, and the Attorney General. Although it is not known whether the Assay Commission examined the very first half dimes and dimes struck by the mint, it is believed to have met every year since 1792 with very few exceptions. Eventually the law was changed so that the Commission would consist of the Judge of the District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Assayer of the Assay

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were not required to individually verify all 28,171 coins selected, but rather a portion that seems representative of the whole. An interesting product of the assay is a commemorative medal presented to each member of the commission with his or her name engraved on the edge.

The Trial of the Pyx has been an interesting part of England's history for many centuries. This vital ceremony has proven time and again that the coins of Great Britain are kept up to standard. Due to the effectiveness of this system, the United States adopted a similar method for ensuring that our coins are accurate. Nothing, however, beats the lore and pomp of the Trial of the Pyx, which connects the modern day to the Middle Ages. 

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History of Central States

Part 24 – 1998-2000

by W. Ray Lockwood

The author of this History has made an arbitrary decision to end the series with the year 2000. Part 24 will recount events of 1998, 1999 and 2000 which include the 59th, 60th & 61st anniversary conventions.

As things worked out, Milwaukee was the site for back-to-back conventions: 1998 & 1999. The 1998 convention was noteworthy for one main reason: It marked a major change in the way CSNS shows were administered. A general chairman and bourse chairman were employed to manage all aspects of the shows. This was done to have uniformity and stability and allow Central States to go to cities with host clubs that would or could not put in the thousands of hours necessary to run a successful convention.

In his summer, 1999, *Centinel* secretary's report, Jerry Lebo stated emphatically "I hereby go on record as

stating our 1998 spring convention in Milwaukee was best coin show I've ever experienced." Why? Pick from this list: 279 dealer booths were sold, public attendance was up considerably from 1997, almost all dealers reported brisk business, over 150 cases of high quality exhibits competed for gold awards, 100+ young numismatists attended an action-packed auction, over 100 Boy Scouts took part in a Coin Collecting Merit Badge clinic, seven well-attended educational programs were offered, 200 individuals attended the annual awards banquet and toasted "Mr. Fun's" 100th birthday. The superlatives for the 59th anniversary convention could go on and on. Suffice it to say, the first professionally managed CSNS show proved to be very successful.

1998 was also an election year. Winners included: President – Roger



Minneapolis – 2000:

A small group of dignitaries were on hand for the "official opening" of the convention. Witnessing the ribbon cutting were (from the left) Chet Kransse, Jerry Lebo, ANA President Robert Campbell, Jack Huggins, Florence Schook, and CSNS President Roger Winkelhake. (Finner photo)

Winkelhake; VP – Ray Lockwood; Sec/Treas. – Jerry Lebo; and Governors: Bill Brandimore, Brian Fanton, Jack Huggins, Glen Jorde, Bob Kutcher, Marvin Mericle, Paul Padget, Ed Rothberg, Florence Schook and Harry Tileston. Jim & Karen Jach were reappointed as *Centinel* editors, and Rob Green from Columbus, Nebraska, became CSNS legal counsel.

The 1998 fall convention was held in the Harvey, Illinois, Ramada Inn – Sept. 11-13 – and was hosted by the Illinois Numismatic Association (ILNA). This 130 table show sold out very early. Kermit Wasmer managed a near-perfect affair attended by more than 1000 visitors. During the convention, the CSNS board accepted archives from our former historian, Kurt Krueger. They approved the elimination of return postage for mailing the biennial election ballots. A Speakers' Bureau was organized with a list of potential speakers for local club use. Past-President John Wilson suggested that all CSNS board members should contact their state gover-

nors to offer assistance in the new 50-state commemorative quarter program.

Although 1999 witnessed the return of Central States to Milwaukee, the 60th convention changed sites. The first-ever full-color cover of *The Centinel* revealed the entrance of the brand new Midwest Express Convention Center, the location of the April 22-25 convention. To state that the 1999 convention was a carbon copy of the highly successful 1998 version would be an understatement. Table sales, exhibits, public attendance and special YN activities equaled or surpassed the previous years' totals. Milwaukee lived up to its reputation as a great numismatic venue!

The 1999 CSNS board meeting provided glimpses of what makes the organization tick. Reports indicated a nice growth in membership from 1838 in 1998 to 1911 in 1999. Eighty-five "early bird" badges were sold. A committee was formed to review policy for supporting future candidates in ANA elections. A motion to designate two of the ten CSNS Governors seats for members living outside the 13-state region was defeated. The board approved a revision of the convention manual to appoint the president as the liaison with the convention committee. Governor Paul Padget announced the fall board meeting would be held for the last time in the Drawbridge complex in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky. Michigan State Numismatic Association president, Ray Dillard, announced that his organization was unable to secure dates for a fall CSNS convention in either 2000 or 2001.

The fall 1999 board meeting featured a discussion of what types of organizations and businesses merit free bourse space at future CSNS conventions. A motion to allow such space for Whitman, *Coin World*, *Coinage*, and Krause Publications was defeated



Minneapolis – 2000: It was a "different" hospitality room as Patti Jagger and Rollie Finner, married just a week earlier in Iola, Wis., hosted an informal wedding reception for their friends.



Minneapolis – 2000: No wedding reception would be complete without wedding cake! Friends of the bridal couple – Sandy Gulde, Carolyn Graham (matron of honor), and Kay Magnus – supervised the cutting and serving.

and replaced by a successful motion to allow free bourse space to Krause and *Coin World* with any additional free space left to the discretion of the president, vice president, bourse chairman and general chairman. *The Centinel*, under the able editorship of Karen and Jim Jach, won Best Publication honors from ANA for the fifth straight year. Polly Pittman Roberts offered \$2,000 to endow an exhibit award in everlasting memory of her father, John Jay Pittman. Her offer was accepted for the Most Educational Exhibit Award. The Board voted to NOT endorse any candidates for ANA offices. Approval was granted for the fall, 2000, board meeting to hold a fall, 2000, convention in Harvey, Illinois, with ILNA as the repeat host club.

For the fourth time in CSNS history, the annual spring convention was held in Minneapolis, May 4-7, 2000. That northern metropolis is supposed to be cool in early May; however, that was not the case. In fact, temperatures during the convention were in the nineties! Perhaps one of the “hottest” convention features was outgoing Governor Brian Fanton’s YN auction. Seventy-five youngsters were given

play money to bid on dealer-donated coins and currency. Great fun was had by all including many impressed parents. Public attendance was down from previous years but dealer participation was higher than expected with more than 270 occupied booths. Heritage conducted a \$5,000,000 auction. Show personnel who made everything run smoothly were: Patti Finner – registration (Patti Jagger became Mrs. Rollic Finner just one week prior to the Minneapolis convention); Kevin Foley – show chairman; Jerry Lebo – bourse chairman; Fran Lockwood – exhibits; Dick Peterson – floor manager; Allen James – cases and lights; and Tom Casper – security. Cliff Mishler was MC at the awards banquet which saw the Bradfield Literary Award going to Saul Needleman, and Best-In-Show Exhibit Award to Minnesotan Pete Smith.

2000 election year winners were: Ray Lockwood – President; Harry Tileston – VP; Jerry Lebo – S/T; and Governors Paul Padgett, Florence Schook, Glen Jorde, Marv Mericle, Jack Huggins, Kermit Wasmer, Bill Brandimore, Don Charters, Bob Kutcher and Ed Rothberg. The board

Minneapolis – 2000: Enjoying the evening festivities – and the wedding cake – were (from the left) Jack Huggins, Harry Tileston, Ralph Hardman, and (standing) Roger Winkelhake!



meeting introduced newly-appointed legal counsel, Rob Green from Columbus, Nebraska. He was able to work out legal problems prior to the Minneapolis convention. Specifically,

the Minneapolis city council enacted legislation to exempt coin shows from certain restrictive ordinances. Three-thousand quarter boards were made available for distribution at the show

~~ Cincinnati Seminar ~~

Sunday, May 3, 2009

(Immediately following the CSNS convention)

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Cost: CSNS members, \$10;
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and local club meetings. Future spring conventions were announced for 2001 – Indianapolis; 2002 – Columbus, Ohio; and 2003 – St. Louis.

Finale – The history of any organization is in reality a story of people interacting for common purposes and common good. Such has been the case for Central States. Our 70-year old club has had its share of ups and downs, personality conflicts, and a few tears. By and large, Central States has survived and continues to thrive as it serves numismatists of all ages.

Someone else will undoubtedly step forward in the years ahead to continue this Central States history. Let it be known to all who read my twenty-four parts that this has been a labor of love. In fact, it has been and continues to be a love affair with an organization that has always promoted numismatics as the King of Hobbies. I plan to see you all at a coin show or club meeting and share a story or two about where

we've been and where we are going. Take care and keep smiling! ☺

— Ray Lockwood

Editor's Note – And with that we say THANK YOU, RAY, and close the books on the first seventy years of Central States history and the year-by-year happenings of a grand old organization that was founded by the good folks of a bygone generation we knew and affectionately remember as pioneers of modern-day numismatics. Without a doubt another historian will come along in the future who will pick up where Ray left off and will tell us "the rest of the story."

From Out of the Past

Where We've Been, Where We're Going!

We've come a long way since Central States was founded back in 1939! And as our organization approaches another milestone in its history, this might be a nice time to look back, reminisce, and see where we have gathered during the past years.

Although much effort has gone into researching the dates and places that make up our history, mistakes are inevitable. Any suspected errors should be called to the attention of the editor or our historian.

C. S. N. S.

Convention Dates & Sites

~~ 1939 – 2016 ~~

Date of Annual Meeting	Convention	Host City	Convention Site
April 23, 1939	1st	Chicago, IL	Congress Hotel
April 27, 1940	2nd	Burlington, IA	Burlington Hotel
April 26, 1941	3rd	Milwaukee, WI	Pfister Hotel
May 9, 1942	4th	Des Moines, IA	Fort Des Moines Hotel
(CSNS remained inactive during World War II)			
May 3, 1947	5th	Indianapolis, IN	Claypool Hotel
May 18, 1948	6th	Dayton, OH	Van Cleve Hotel
May 15, 1949	7th	Detroit, MI	Book-Cadillac Hotel
May 7, 1950	8th	Springfield, IL	Abraham Lincoln Hotel
May 13, 1951	9th	Minneapolis, MN	Curtis Hotel
May 3, 1952	10th	Cincinnati, OH	Sinton Hotel
May 3, 1953	11th	Chicago, IL	LaSalle Hotel
May 2, 1954	12th	Milwaukee, WI	Pfister Hotel
April 30, 1955	13th	Detroit, MI	Statler Hotel
April 29, 1956	14th	Indianapolis, IN	Claypool Hotel
April 27, 1957	15th	St. Louis, MO	Statler Hotel
May 10, 1958	16th	Cincinnati, OH	Netherland-Hilton Hotel
April 25, 1959	17th	Kansas City, MO	Muehlebach Hotel
April 30, 1960	18th	Detroit, MI	Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel
April 30, 1961	19th	Minneapolis, MN	Pick-Nicollet Hotel
May 6, 1962	20th	Milwaukee, WI	Pfister Hotel
April 28, 1963	21st	Chicago, IL	Sheraton-Chicago Hotel
April 26, 1964	22nd	Kansas City, MO	Continental Hotel
April 24, 1965	23rd	Chicago, IL	Pick-Congress Hotel
April 30, 1966	24th	Indianapolis, IN	Claypool Hotel
April 29, 1967	25th	Peoria, IL	Pere-Marquette Hotel
April 20, 1968	26th	Detroit, MI	Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel
May 3, 1969	27th	Chicago, IL	Sheraton-Chicago Hotel
May 2, 1970	28th	Cleveland, OH	Pick-Carter Hotel
May 15, 1971	29th	St. Louis, MO	Chase-Park Plaza Hotel
April 29, 1972	30th	Milwaukee, WI	Red Carpet Expo Center
May 5, 1973	31st	Peoria, IL	Hilton Hotel
May 11, 1974	32nd	Detroit, MI	Hilton Hotel
April 26, 1975	33rd	Kansas City, MO	Muehlebach Hotel
May 1, 1976	34th	Chicago, IL	Sheraton-Chicago Hotel
May 14, 1977	35th	Milwaukee, WI	Red Carpet Expo Center
May 13, 1978	36th	St. Louis, MO	Chase-Park Plaza Hotel
April 28, 1979	37th	Dearborn, MI	Hyatt Regency Hotel
April 19, 1980	38th	Lincoln, NE	Pershing Auditorium
April 4, 1981	39th	Indianapolis, IN	Indiana Convention Center
May 1, 1982	40th	Cedar Rapids, IA	Five Seasons Center

April 9, 1983	41st	Dearborn, MI	Hyatt Regency Hotel
April 28, 1984	42nd	Milwaukee, WI	MECCA Convention Center
April 27, 1985	43rd	Minneapolis, MN	Hyatt Regency Hotel
April 4, 1986	44th	Kansas City, MO	Westin Crown Center
May 9, 1987	45th	St. Louis, MO	Cervantes Convention Center
April 9, 1988	46th	Indianapolis, IN	Indiana Convention Center
April 22, 1989	47th	Overland Park, KS	Kansas City Merchandise Mart
April 7, 1990	48th	Milwaukee, WI	MECCA Convention Center
May 11, 1991	49th	St. Louis, MO	Cervantes Convention Center
May 2, 1992	50th	Minneapolis, MN	Minneapolis Convention Center
May 22, 1993	51st	Rosemont, IL	Rosemont-O'Hare Expo Center
April 9, 1994	52nd	Indianapolis, IN	Indiana Convention Center
April 29, 1995	53rd	Milwaukee, WI	MECCA Convention Center
April 27, 1996	54th	Kansas City, MO	Bartle Hall Convention Center
April 12, 1997	55th	Indianapolis, IN	Indiana Convention Center
April 25, 1998	56th	Milwaukee, WI	Wisconsin Center
April 24, 1999	57th	Milwaukee, WI	Midwest Express Center
May 6, 2000	58th	Minneapolis, MN	Minneapolis Convention Center
April 7, 2001	59th	Indianapolis, IN	Indiana Convention Center
April 27, 2002	60th	Columbus, OH	Greater Columbus Conv. Center
May 3, 2003	61st	St. Louis, MO	America's Center
May 8, 2004	62nd	Milwaukee, WI	Midwest Airlines Center
May 7, 2005	63rd	St. Louis, MO	America's Center
April 28, 2006	64th	Columbus, OH	Greater Columbus Conv. Center
May 11, 2007	65th	St. Louis, MO	America's Center
April 18, 2008	66th	Rosemont, IL	Stephens Convention Center
May 1, 2009	67th	Cincinnati, OH	Duke Energy Center
April 30, 2010	68th	Milwaukee, WI	Midwest Airlines Center
April 29, 2011	69th	Rosemont, IL	Stephens Convention Center
April 20, 2012	70th	Schaumburg, IL	Renaissance Hotel & Conv. Ctr.
April 25, 2014	72nd	Schaumburg, IL	Renaissance Hotel & Conv. Ctr.
April 29, 2016	74th	Schaumburg, IL	Renaissance Hotel & Conv. Ctr.

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History in Our Hands

by Andrew Keene, YN

The New Oxford American Dictionary defines the word “money” as a current medium of exchange in the form of coins and banknotes. While this statement is very intuitively written, it barely touches on what money *really is*. To most American’s it’s the shiny disks that buy bread at the supermarket and it’s the paper that pays for movie tickets. However, money is so much more than circulating legal tender.

Money has a history. Each and every coin and banknote has a story to tell and it’s our job as the numismatist to “let it out!” In fact, because of money we have learned more about some civilizations, empires, and societies of which not much info was previously known. We can date the world’s history back many thousands of years with money. Since providing a complete chronology of the world’s money is infeasible, this article will focus on the history of paper money.

Banknotes are only pieces of paper, yet they are accepted as money because it is what they represent that is valuable. The Chinese were the first ones to tap into the art of papermaking. So it only makes sense that the Chinese were the first ones to replace coins and other metal forms of money with paper currency. During the 10th century, the Chinese government issued heavy iron coins that had little bullion value. People started to leave their coins with merchants and to use the handwritten receipts the merchants gave them instead. The early 11th century came and the government took

over the task of issuing money from the merchants and printed receipts that could be used officially as money, and, to make the system simpler, the receipts were given fixed values.

In the 14th century the Chinese government replaced the receipts with real government issued notes. Between 1368 and 1398, three different denominations of large size notes were issued. The phrase “large size” probably shouldn’t be implied without giving a defining clause. While the current circulating U.S. legal tender measures in at a mere 2.61 inches wide and



One Kwan note of the Ming Dynasty. See the 1,000 cash coins at center. Size: 8 x 12 in. (Photo: LKCA)

6.14 inches long, the notes issued in 14th century China were made in the approximate size of eight inches by twelve inches. Larger than some stock certificates and bonds! The earliest and most well known example of these "large size" notes is the One Kwan note of Emperor hung Wu made in China during the Ming Dynasty (1368-98 AD). The denomination of One Kwan equates to one tiao, one string, or 1,000 cash. In the center design of the note, you can see 10 strings of cash coins (equal to 1,000, the note's value). Before the notes were issued, 1,000 cash would have been equal to 1,000 metal coins weighing about eight pounds, making the notes less

cumbersome. These Ming Dynasty notes sell from anywhere between \$3,000- \$30,000 depending on date, grade, and variety. They are usually found in major auctions.

By the 17th century the skill of papermaking became more perfected and the skill quickly spread to the nearby country of Japan. The country of Japan started to implement thick paper currency when serious shortages of coins hampered day-to-day financial transactions. Only the Tokugawa Shogunate, the central government of Japan, had the right to strike coins. The daimyo were prohibited from issuing coins, and so instead they issued paper currency. These notes were called *hansatsu*, or 'clan notes,' and had a restricted circulation within the local clan territory. These notes were made in thin strips so they quickly picked up the nickname "bookmark money."

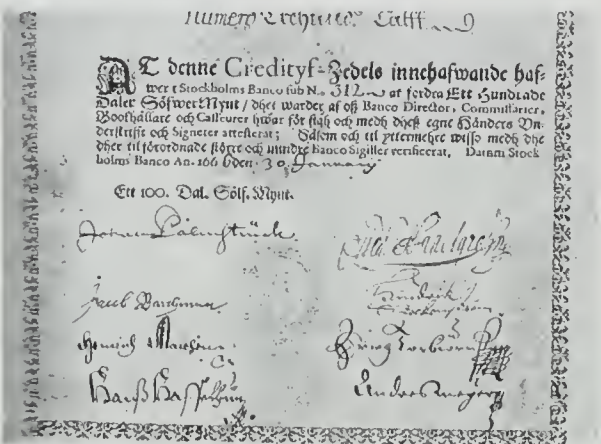
The Fukai clan issued the earliest *hansatsu* in 1661. Other clan rulers soon realized the advantages of issuing and controlling their own paper money. In addition to relieving the shortage of coins, *hansatsu* also generated financial income; they helped the feudal clan rulers to balance their finances, created a monopoly system, and provided relief funds for impoverished samurai and commoners. The feudal clans made earliest issues, but towns, temples and court nobles made later issues. Over 1,700 varieties of *hansatsu* are known.

Ironically, the Swedish Stockholm Bank (SSB) had the same problem as the Japanese also starting in the year 1661. They too were in a massive shortage of circulating silver coins, so the SSB issued Europe's first paper currency. The notes of 17th century Sweden were the first notes to have embossed seals. Having embossed seals served a dual purpose. The main

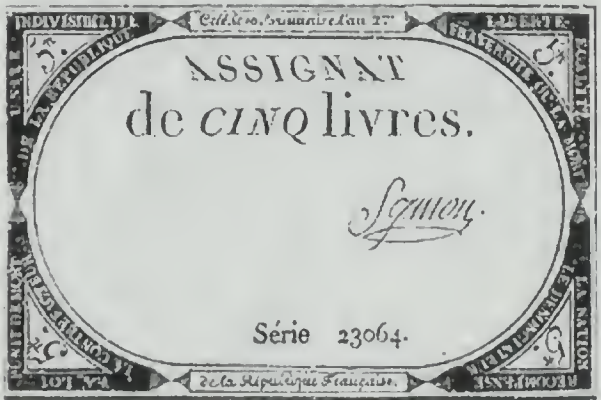


One Momme, most *hansatsu* had values in terms of the gold, silver and copper coins of the Tokugawa Shogunate, but a few were denominat- ed in rice, wine or oil. Size: 7 x 2 in. (Photo: The British Museum)

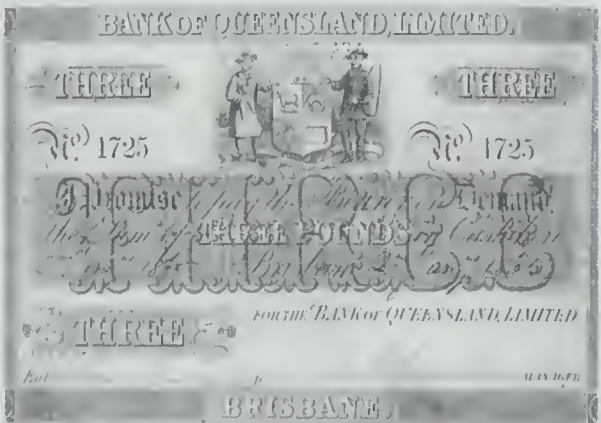
reason was an official guarantee that money so marked is valid. Seals like such were hard to copy making it a very effective anti-counterfeiting device; the second reason for the seals. Since the seals were embossed, grooves in the notes could be easily felt, but over time after much handling, the embossing became rubbed into the



This 1666 Swedish note represented 100 Dalers. Notice the two embossed seals between the two columns of signatures. Size: approx. 7 x 5 in. (Photo: Money by Joe Cribb)



Five Livres Assignat of 1793. Uniface. Size of a playing card. (Photo: Ron Wise)



Three Pound note issued by the Brisbane office of the Bank of Queensland, 1865. 9.5 x 6.5 in. (Photo: Money by Joe Cribb)

paper making it harder to distinguish forgeries from genuines.

One-hundred-twenty years after the first SSB note was issued, assignats were starting to be produced in France. Assignats were the paper money issued by the National Constituent Assembly in France during the French Revolution. Upon the confiscation of church properties in 1790 due to the government's bankruptcy, the government thought that printing certificates representing the value of church property could solve the financial problems. The church lands became known as *biens nationaux*. Assignats were used to successfully retire a significant portion of the public debt as the domestic and international creditors accepted them as legitimate payment. The assignats were originally meant as bonds, but over the course of a year or so, they evolved into circulating legal tender. Since there was no control over the quantity of the notes being printed, the value of the assignats quickly exceeded the value of the confiscated properties. The downward spiral continued causing a massive hyperinflation. By early 1792, the notes had lost most of their initial value. Certain varieties of assignats are relatively common and can be acquired for only a few dollars. Others are legitimately scarce.

The early money of the outback (Australia and New Zealand) was formed mostly around trading and bartering that took place at the time. British pounds, shillings, and pence made their way to the outback with the arrival of the first British settlers, but because of the many trade ships that went there, Indian, Dutch, Spanish, and Portuguese coins were more common. In the year 1792, settlers at Sydney Cove found a form of money more to their taste when *The Hope*, an

American merchant ship, delivered a cargo of rum. The bottles of rum circulated as money all throughout New South Wales until Spanish American dollars replaced it in 1813. The Spanish American dollars circulated until 1829. During the later part of the 19th century, banknotes and local trade tokens provided most of the money in Australia.

In the early 20th century the yearly average wage of a German worker was about 1,100 Reichsmark. With this in mind, a One Reichsmark coin was already fairly valuable. Coins played a very prominent role in the monetary circulation of the time. With the start of World War One, a shortage of metal evolved from the production of war supplies. Coins were minted from metals that were essential for war supply production. Almost identical to the copper shortage in the U.S. during World War Two. Because the German

government was extremely desperate for metal, they started melting down circulating coins. This created a gigantic shortage of money. Frequently people and institutions – out of fear to loose out in the war – hoarded coins. The intrinsic value of gold and silver coins, for instance, was a guarantee against their devaluation. As coins

became scarce in quantity, local municipalities started to issue paper money to provide the necessary liquidity. This emergency type currency was called *notgeld*. Most of the early not-

geld was very colorful and often illustrated a story. The quality control for these notes was very strict, as not many errors are known to exist. There are over 2,000 different notgeld issues known. Most can be purchased for only a few dollars.

George Gunderson was commissioned by the Bank of Canada in 1952 to design the upcoming 1954 issue of the regular issue Canadian currency. At the time, the British American Bank Note Company (BABNC) employed Mr. Gunderson. Gunderson based his engraving of Her Majesty (HM) Queen Elizabeth II off of a portrait photo taken by Peter-Dirk Uys, one HM's official photographers. Gunderson followed all of the procedures correctly and the notes were printed on

schedule. Shortly after the release of the notes, a Canadian citizen filed a complaint with the Bank of Canada. The complaint left the Bank of Canada shocked. The complaint said that there was an outline of a devil's face above HM's ear in the hair design. Bank officials checked it out and, sure enough, the devil's face outline was present.



Three different WWI era notgeld from Ostseebad Nienhagen, Germany. Approx. size of playing card. (Photo: German Notes, german-notes.com)

Mr. Gunderson was the first suspect. He denied the accusations, claiming he had worked entirely from the photograph issued to him. However, someone had to be guilty of the crime. Bank hypotheses suggested that it was the work of a prankster employed at the Bank of Canada. French-Canadian nationalists and IRA sympathizers were also suspected. Time went by and the scandal faded due to lack of proof as the original negative of the photo was not to be found. The notes that are now called “Devil’s Face” notes could have equally been an involuntary act. Just a bad hair day! But in the end Mr. Gunderson modified the portrait of HM QEII by shadowing out the “little devil.” New notes were printed and widely circulated. The Devil’s Face

notes were withdrawn and cancelled.

Thirty years later the scandal re-erupted with the death of the photographer and the recovery of the negatives from the 1952 photo shoot bearing the devil’s face in HM’s hair. Case closed, but too late to do anything. All Devil’s Face notes command a decent premium especially for high denominations. The Devil’s Face appears on all denominations of the 1954 series. However, don’t be confused. The redesigned hairdo is also series 1954, so use the illustration in this article to verify that you have a genuine Devil’s Face note.

In the early 1980’s, a huge advancement in banknote technology was reached changing the world of paper money forever. For the first time



Devil's Face in hair above ear. Note is the size of U.S. currency. (Photo: www.agencetopo.qc.ca)



Outline of Devil's Face. (Photo: www.agencetopo.qc.ca)

ever, currency was printed on something other than traditional paper material. Three countries printed and circulated currency printed on material made of polyethylene fibers. It later became known as *tyvek* when it started to be marketed as a home wrap by DuPont. The three countries to issue tyvek notes were Haiti, Isle of Man, and Costa Rica. Other countries ran test trials, but many issues were found in the printing of these tyvek notes. The most common issue was that the ink used on the prints smudged and wore off easily. American Bank Note Company printed the tyvek notes from Haiti and Costa Rica while Isle of Man recruited Bradbury Wilkinson and Company to print their tyvek note.

Bradbury Wilkinson made a different type of tyvek called Bradvek. Haiti issued notes in the denomination of 1, 2, 50, 100, 250, and 500 Gourdes. All are particularly scarce, and all denominations over 50 Gourdes are seldom

seen. The eBay market commands over 200 dollars just for the 2 Gourdes note. Costa Rica issued a proof, specimen, and issued note of a 20 Colones note. This is the only denomination Costa Rica issued on tyvek. They are all dated 6/28/83 and are ALWAYS series Z. This date exists in paper too. The Costa Rican tyvek notes sell somewhere between 50 and 100 dollars. Isle of Man issued only one tyvek note; the One Pound note of 1983. The One Pound note sells for 30 to 60 dollars.

Hopefully this article illustrated that because the definition of money in the most well respected dictionary falls short of the real meaning, we as the numismatist must make



Haiti's 2 Gourde tyvek issue. Size: 5 x 2.5 in. See polymer-notes.org for other tyvek notes. (Photo: polymernotes.org)

sure that the word money is defined to its full potential. So a short but encapsulating definition for the word *money* that would prevent it from being honored at face value might be: *Money – History in our Hands!* ☺



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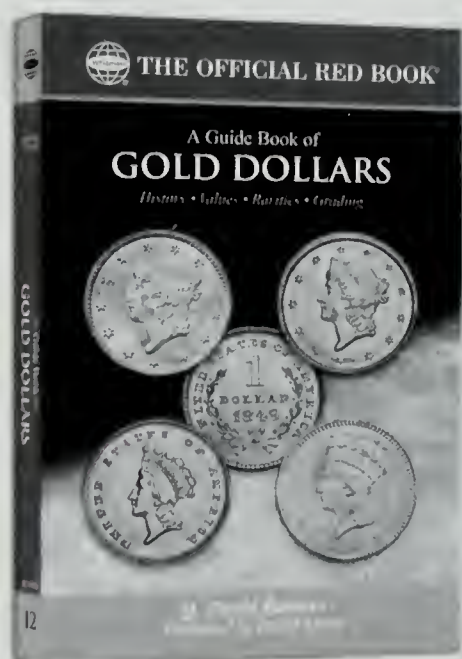
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by Michael E. Marotta

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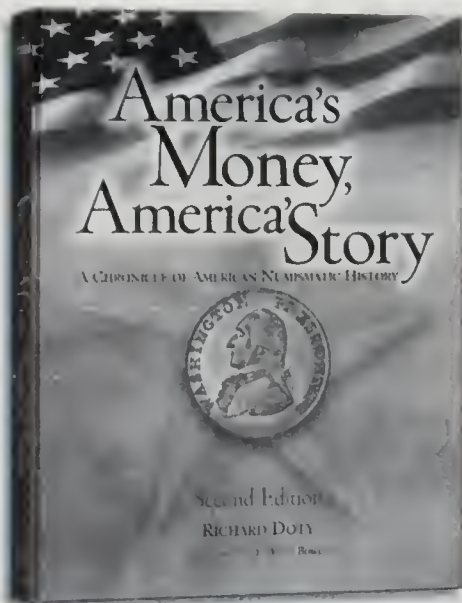
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war. Doty earned a doctorate (*summa cum laude*) in Latin American studies from the University of Southern California. Author of over half a dozen books and more than 100 articles, one of his current projects is an electronic book, *Pictures from a Distant Country*, which details America's view of itself as reflected in 19th century banknotes. The chapter on those notes in *America's Money, America's Story* is especially compelling. Writing about our coinage today, Doty calls our era a renaissance. Collectors whose expectations were formed when Walking Liberty Half Dollars and Buffalo Nickels were common in pockets may have to be convinced. He provides the evidence to support that claim. More to the point, perhaps, is how these issues will be viewed by the next generation of collectors.

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tion: Estimated Total Population and Key to Collecting, Die Data and Numismatic Notes, Auction Information. Bowers has the expertise to theorize about the existence of proofs for years for which they are unrecorded and still not certified (1856 upright 5, for instance).

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PETER, THE EAGLE

by Ginger Rapus



The Philadelphia Mint is still the home for Peter, the Eagle, where he keeps an "eagle eye" on visitors who frequent the minting facility. (U.S. Mint photo)

Most every sports team has a mascot, but two hundred years ago, the team that worked at the Philadelphia Mint had its own, live mascot. The mascot was a bald eagle named Peter. Evidently bald eagles were found in the Philadelphia area in the early nineteenth century and one found his way to the Mint on Seventh Street and dropped by for visits.

The great bird became an unofficial mascot for the Mint, the only United States Mint at the time. Workers fed the bird who was frequently seen flying over the rooftops, and was recognized by many people. Eventually, the big bird was fatally injured when his wing became caught in a piece of equipment. Mint workers did all they can to save the bird, but to no avail.

Peter the eagle, "Old Pete," was stuffed and mounted and still stands guard

at the Philadelphia Mint, where visitors can see him to this day. Coin collectors remember the beautiful bald eagle as represented on popular coins of the era. The first small-sized cent, the Flying Eagle cent, bears a portrait of an eagle in smooth flight. The reverse of the pattern Gobrecht dollar also shows off the eagle. Peter was the model for these coins.

Coin collectors can be called "bird lovers" in a broad sense. Watch them check out the details on the eagles appearing on their favorite coins, whether a Flying Eagle cent, a Walking Liberty half dollar, or a modern Sacagawea dollar. Eagles appear on all of these, and on many more. No doubt future coins will also bear some depiction of a bald eagle, the American bird.

Eagles on American coinage are

shown not only flying proudly, but also perching on a mountain top, standing proudly with great wings folded, full figure or just the head, every way but preening. Bird lovers know that birds spend most of their waking hours preening, and no doubt Peter did that during his days of presiding over the Mint.

Birds are observant, with excellent vision, hence the term "eyes like an eagle." A collector can only wonder what Peter saw during his time at the Mint. He probably stood on his perch, high above the commotion of work, and watched the busy humans, while he observed it all. Maybe he softly chattered to himself, as birds do, in an eagle's harsh chatter.

Bald eagles gather where fish is plentiful, but also feed on carrion, the bodies of dead animals. Peter may have eaten his fill with other eagles, then came to the Mint for his own reasons.

According to legend, Peter used to hang out inside the building and had access to every vault. He lived at the Mint for about six years, but the exact dates are not known. Workers amused by their adopted pet probably had no idea the bird would become famous and still be talked about years later.

Why was this particular eagle so friendly and tame? No one can know for sure. Those who own pet birds know that birds can have an individual personality, and surprise their owners with their antics and their tricks. Some birds are highly intelligent, and some really enjoy the company of other people. Quite a few bird

owners can tell stories of how their birds bond and communicate with them, particularly if that bird is the "only bird."

There was something about the Philadelphia Mint that attracted Peter, the bald eagle. Maybe it was the hustle and bustle of the daily work. Maybe it was the interaction of the workers. Maybe Peter was one of those people-oriented birds. Maybe Peter loved to look at the shiny new coins, coins that collectors love to admire too.

Visitors to the Columbian Exposition in 1893 were able to see Peter, mounted in a special display. Now he dwells at the Philadelphia Mint, still watching over the hustle and bustle. Coins have gone through many changes, and there have been branch

mints, but Peter stays at the Philadelphia Mint, in permanent flight, near a doorway.

I had the pleasure of touring the Mint in 2000, and made a special visit to Peter. I studied this beautiful bird and wondered what he saw all those years, and what attracted him in the first place. My unpublished romance novel, titled *Eagle*, contains a feature appearance by Peter. (The hero is an engraver at the Mint.) I am not aware of any other written tributes to Peter.

Peter the eagle was a wonderful Mint mascot who is remembered by collectors and bird lovers. All American bird, I salute you! 🦅



Peter, the Eagle, is believed to have been the inspiration for Christian Gobrecht's design for the reverse of the Gobrecht silver dollars of 1836-1839. (Heritage Auction Galleries image)



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Coin Club Meetings

The following roster of CSNS member coin clubs is published for the convenience of collectors visiting the Central States area who may wish to attend a local club meeting. Individuals are urged to phone or e-mail ahead to confirm meeting times and locations.

ILLINOIS

Central Illinois Numismatic Association (CINA) ... meets at 7:00 p.m. the 2nd Thursday each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, North Council #4175, 2801 West St., Springfield, IL. (No meetings in August or December.) Contact: Steve Butler, 217-528-7634.

Chicago Coin Club ... holds meetings at several area coin and paper money shows during the year, plus meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., at the Chicago Bar Association Bldg., 321 So. Plymouth Court, Chicago, IL 60604. For possible changes, you are invited to monitor the club website: www.chicagocoinclub.org, or for more information, contact Secretary Carl Wolf at carlwolfeo@msn.com (Club mailing address: PO Box 2301, Chicago, IL 60690.)

Club of Illinois Numismatists (COINS) ... meets the 2nd Thursday of every month, 7:30 p.m., at Hazel Crest Municipal Bldg., 3000 W. 170th Place, Hazel Crest. Contact: Paulette J. Coffel-Montalto, 708-268-9345, pjcoffelt@att.net

Indian Hill Coin Club ... meets the 2nd Wednesday each month, 8:00 p.m. at the Avon Township Hall on Washington St. in Round Lake Park, IL. Contact: Mike Hanninen, 847-872-2725.

Lake County Coin Club ... meets at 7:00 p.m. the 1st Tuesday each month at the Gurnee Police Dept., 100 No. O'Plaine Rd., alternate meeting place is Warren-Newport Library, 224 No. O'Plaine Rd. (just No. of Washington St.), Gurnee, IL. (No meetings if 1st Tuesday conflicts with major holiday.) Contact: George Efsen, 847-244-5160, george.efsen@att.net

Oak Forest Numismatic Society ... meets at 7:00 p.m. the 1st Friday of each month at Bremen Township Hall, 15350 Oak Park Ave., Oak Forest, IL. Contact: Howard Ribbentrop, 708-687-2919; e-mail: dianhow@aol.com

Rockford Area Coin Club ... meets at 6:30 p.m. the 3rd Thursday each month at the Loves Park Library, 6340 No. 2nd St., Loves Park, IL. Contact: Don Smith, 815-624-0422; web/info: <http://www.exonumia.com/race.htm>

Will County Coin Club ... meets at 7:30 p.m. the 1st Thursday each month at Ramada Inn Limited, I-80 & Houbolt Road, Joliet, IL. Contact: Mark Wicelaw, 815-485-4137.

INDIANA

Calumet Numismatic Society ... meets in Highland, IN on the 3rd Wednesday each month at the Highland Public Library, 2841 Jewett St. (No meetings in January or February.) Contact: Ken Fehlberg, president, PO Box 161, St. John, IN 46373.

Indianapolis Coin Club ... meets the 4th Monday of each month (except December), 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2100 E. 71st St. Web/info: http://www.indianapoliscoinclub.org/meeting_schedule.htm.

Logansport Coin Club ... meets on the 3rd Wednesday each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Logansport Public Library, 7th & Broadway, Logansport, IN. Contact: Dave Colford, 574-753-9887.

Madison County Coin Club ... meets on the 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m., at the #663 Union Hall, 29th St. & Madison Ave., Anderson, IN. Club address: PO Box 2, Anderson, IN 46011. Contact: Coyle Shaw, president, 765-643-9888.

Marion Coin Club ... meets the 1st Monday each month at 6:30 p.m. – except August and September – at the Marion Public Library, 600 So. Washington St., Marion, IN. Contact: Ray Lockwood, 765-664-6520, or e-mail: sunrayofmarion@aol.com

Muncie Coin & Stamp Club ... meets at 7:00 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday each month at the Minnestria Cultural Center (on Minnestria Parkway, just off Wheeling Ave.) Contact: Ray Saylor, 765-288-0371.

Old Fort Coin Club ... meets every 2nd Thursday, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Ave., Fort Wayne, IN. Contact: 260-482-9890.

Wabash Valley Coin Club ... meets at 7:00 p.m. the 4th Tuesday each month at the Vigo County Library, corner of 7th & Poplar, Terre Haute, IN. Contact: Marvin Mcricle, 812-898-1260, or e-mail: marv626@att.net

IOWA

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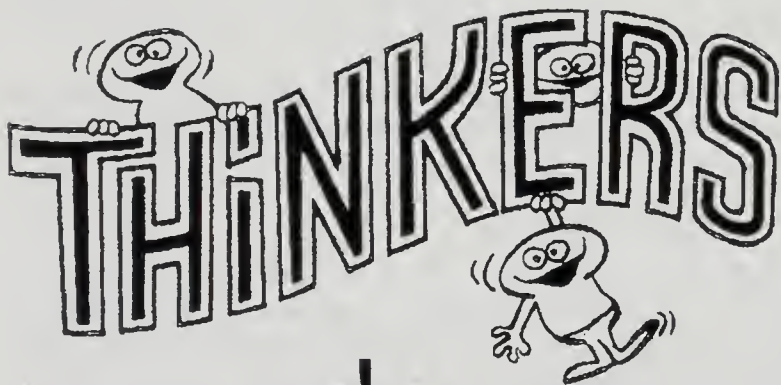
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Port City Coin Club ... meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month, except December (3rd Tuesday), in the Iowa Room of Holiday Inn, Jct. of Hwys. 61 & 38, Muscatine, IA. (No meetings in June, July & August.) Contact: Nevin Roberts, nevjanrob@machlink.com

KANSAS

Johnson County Numismatic Society ... meets at 7:15 p.m. the 3rd Thursday each month at the Lenexa Community Center, Pflumm Road at Santa Fe Trail Drive, Lenexa, KS. (No meeting – coin show only – in October.) Contact: Mark McWherter, 913-649-7070 (days) or 913-764-0386 (evenings).

Salina Coin Club ... meets the 2nd Thursday each month at the VFW Post #1432, 1108 W. Crawford St., Salina, KS, except for picnic in Sept., coin show in Oct., and party in Dec. Contacts: Larry Hower, 785-452-9331; Joe Ayotte, 785-825-0706.



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is often the busiest
day of the week.



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in himself makes
a very small bundle.

People rarely succeed
unless they have fun
in what they are doing.

Every time you
lend money to a friend
you damage his memory.

There are no vacations
from the school
of experience.

Even a mosquito
doesn't get a slap
on the back until
it starts to work.

Do not ask for a lighter
load, but rather ask
for a stronger back.

In the end, it's not
the years in your
life that count.
It's the life in your years!

KENTUCKY

Bluegrass Coin Club ... meets the 2nd Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m., at the Bistro in Joseph-Beth Booksellers, 161 Lexington Green Circle, #B, Lexington, KY 40503. Website address: www.bluegrasscoinclub.org. Contact: Charles R. Moore, Jr., 859-276-1551.

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Kalamazoo Numismatic Club ... meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., at the Heritage Christian Reformed Church, 2857 So. 11th St., Kalamazoo, MI. (Auctions on 2nd Wed.; educational programs on 4th. No 4th Wed. meetings in Nov. & Dec.) Contact: Russ Barr, 269-381-8669.

Lincoln Coin Club ... meets 2nd & 4th Mondays (except on major holidays) at the Polish Falcons Meeting Hall, Toledo-Dix, in Southgate, MI. Contact: Troy Haarala, 313-381-1287.

Northwest Detroit Coin Club ... meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI. (No meetings during summer months.) Contact: Donald F. Priebe, 734-425-9225.

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College City Coin Club ... meets the 1st Wednesday each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Northfield Community Center, Senior Citizens Hall, 1651 Jefferson Pky., Northfield, MN. Contact: Jerry Swanson, 507-289-5099.

Northwest Coin Club ... meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Kenwood Recreation Center, 2101 W. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis, MN. Contact: Ev Levens, 763-757-4251, or John Steinhoff, 651-698-1741.

Owatonna Coin & Stamp Club ... meets the 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Place, Park & Rec. Dept., 500 Dunnell Dr., Owatonna, MN. (No meetings in July, August or December.) Contact: Mark D. Rasmussen, 507-451-7538.

Rochester Area Coin Club ... meets the last Wednesday each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Dos Amigos Restaurant (downstairs), 20 - 4th St. SE, Rochester, MN. Contact: Jerry Swanson, 507-289-5099.

MISSOURI

Ozarks Coin Club ... meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month, 7:00 p.m., at the Discovery Center, St. Louis St., in Springfield, MO. Contact: Club secretary Leon Cunningham, 417-723-8162. Email: leonray@hotmail.com

Missouri Numismatic Society ... meets the 4th Wednesday of the month (except December), 7:00 p.m., at the Creve Cocur American Legion Post. 934 E. Rue de la Banque, St. Louis (located off of Olive and Ballas, just east of I-270). Contact: Chris Sutter, 314-644-5935. Website: <http://MissouriNumismaticSociety.org>

NEBRASKA

Lincoln Coin Club ... meets the 2nd Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Hampton Inn So., 5922 Vandervoort Dr. (59th & Old Cheney Road, behind Lazlow's), Lincoln, NE. Contact: Barry Nowak, 402-483-4499.

Lincoln Numismatic Society ... meets the 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m., each month at Hampton Inn, 5922 Vandervoort Drive, Lincoln, NE. Visitors are welcome. More information may be had by contacting: David Willsie, DFWSafety@aol.com; Jim Bulmer, jbulmer57@hotmail.com; or Roger Pabian, rpabian@neb.rr.com

Omaha Coin Club ... meets the 3rd Friday with YN meeting at 7:00 p.m. and regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Paralyzed Veterans of America, 7612 Maple St., Omaha, NE. Contact: Ron Matson, 402-895-7715.

NORTH DAKOTA

Capital City Coin Club ... meets at 7:00 p.m. the 1st Tuesday of September thru May at the Amvets Post, 2402 Railroad Ave., Bismarck, ND. Contacts: Larry Schneider, 701-258-9438 or capitalcitycoinclub@bis.midco.net

Red River Valley Coin Club ... meets from Labor Day to Memorial Day (no summer meetings) every 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., at the Moorhead (MN) Public Library, 118 – 5th St. So. Contact: Bill O'Brien, PO Box 10731, Fargo, ND 58106; 701-239-4827.

OHIO

Central Ohio Numismatic Association (Columbus) ... meets the 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. at the Grandview High School cafeteria. (Picnic in August; Christmas dinner in December.) Contact: Evan Brill, secretary, 614-451-5055.

Cincinnati Numismatic Association ... meets at 7:00 p.m. usually on the 2nd Friday at the Cincinnati Bar Center, 225 East 6th St., downtown Cincinnati. Contact: Emmett Ey, 513-385-0550, or visit www.cincycoinclub.org

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Kenosha Coin Club ... meets the 1st Thursday each month (no meetings in July and August), 7:00 p.m. at Kenosha Union Hall, 3030 – 39th Ave., Kenosha, WI. Contact: Jerry Binsfeld, 262-657-4653 (days); 262-654-6272 (nights).

Milwaukee Numismatic Society ... meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday at Mayfair Mall Community Room, 2500 No. Mayfair Rd. in Wauwatosa, WI. (Use entrance #2 on east side of mall). Contact: Bruce Benoit, 414-282-8128; e-mail: benwab@sbcglobal.net

Nicolet Coin Club ... meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. at Stein Supper Club, 126 So. Adams, Green Bay, WI. Contact: Don Long, 920-468-7760.

Ozaukee Coin Club ... meets at 7:00 p.m. on 2nd Thursday at Rose Harms Legion Post, 1540 – 13th Ave., Grafton, WI. Contact: John Helm, PO Box 832, Cedarburg, WI 53012. Phone: 262-376-9503.

Madison Coin Club ... meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Community Meeting Room at Zimbrick Buick, 1601 W. Beltline Hwy., Madison, WI. Contact: Tom Galway, Box 620421, Middleton, WI 53562; e-mail: tpgalway1@charter.net.

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South Shore Coin Club ... meets at 7:00 p.m. the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except no meetings in July and August) at St. Roman's Church Annex, 1710 W. Bolivar Ave., Milwaukee, WI. Contact: Joe Bartoszewicz, 414-327-6156; e-mail: joedee71@sbcglobal.net

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Muncie, IN – Jan. 18

Muncie Coin & Stamp Club's 51st Annual Show, Horizon Convention Center, 401 S. High St. Contact: Ray Saylor, PO Box 1184, Muncie, IN 47305. 765-288-0371.

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Polish American Numismatic Society Annual Coin Show, American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Rd. at

Dequindre. Contact: Les Rosik, president, 248-909-2670.

Franksville, WI – Feb. 22

Racine Numismatic Society's 71st Coin Show, So. Hills Country Club, 3047 Hwy. 94, East Side Frontage Rd. (between Hwy. K & WI 20). 45 tables. Free admission. Public hours: 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. (Early birds: 7 – 9 a.m. \$5 admission fee.) Contact: Bill Spencer, 262-637-4653.

Rosemont, IL – Mar. 6-8

15th Annual Chicago Paper Money Expo (CPMX), Crowne Plaza-O'Hare, 5440 No. River Rd. Contact: Kevin Foley, PO Box 573, Milwaukee, WI 53201. 414-421-3484.

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Brookfield, WI – Mar. 8

Waukesha Coin Club's Annual Spring Coin Show, American Legion Post, 3245 N. 124th St. Contact: Tom Snyder, 262-542-5990.

Portland, OR – Mar. 13-15

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Muscatine, IA – Mar. 15

Port City Coin Club's 71st Annual Coin Show, Holiday Inn, Jct. Hwys. 61 & 38 No.
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563-262-9313.

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Springfield, IL 62704. 217-528-7634.

Flint, MI – Mar. 22

Flint Flying Eagle Coin Club Spring Show, Dom Polski Hall, 3415 No. Linden Rd. (Exit I-75 at Exit 122. West on Pierson Rd., ¾ mile, left on Linden Rd., ¼ mi.)
Hours: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Contact:
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Madison, WI – Mar. 22

Madison Coin Club's 77th Coin Show, Sheraton-Madison Hotel, 706 John Nolen Dr. Chairman: Jim Essence,
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Madison, WI 53705.

Marion, IN – Mar. 28

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Lake County Coin Club's Annual Coin Show, Warren Township H. S. (O'Plaine Campus), 500 No. O'Plaine Rd. Hours: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Contact: George Efsen,
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Kalamazoo Numismatic Club's Annual Spring Coin Show, Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, County Center Bldg., Room E, 2900 Lake St. Free admission. Contact: Russ Barr, PO Box 462, Portage, MI 49081, 269-381-8669 or email: russel_9@sbcglobal.net; Club email: Kal.Numis.club@sbcglobal.net

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34th Annual Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), Crowne Plaza-O'Hare, 5440 No. River Rd. Contact: Kevin Foley, PO Box 573, Milwaukee, WI 53201. 414-421-3484.

Dearborn, MI – Apr. 23-25

Michigan State Numismatic Society's Spring Convention & Coin Show, Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1 Fairlane Drive. Contact: Brian Malnar, PO Box 87931, Canton, MI 48187. 734-453-0504.

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70th Anniversary CSNS Convention, Duke Energy Center. Bourse info:
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Fremont Coin Club's 50th Annual Coin
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St. Louis, MO – July 23-25

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314-602-4228; MNS@frankcomputers.com

Springfield, IL – July 26

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Royal Canadian Numismatic Association
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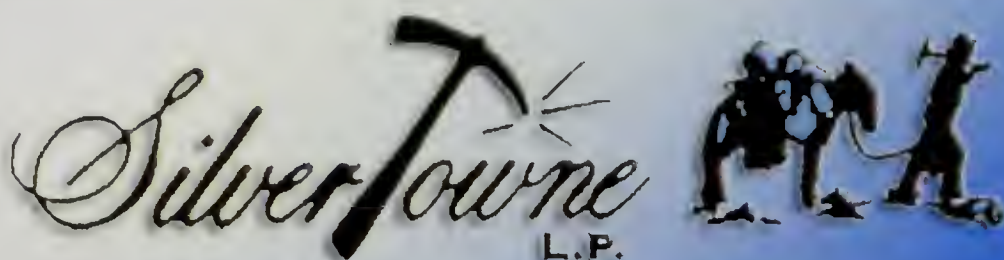
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